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> Oatlands Municipal Offices 71 High Street, Oatlands

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Dear Sir/Madam

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the next ordinary meeting of Council will be held on

Date: Wednesday, 11th December 2024

Time: 2.00 p.m.

Venue: Oatlands Municipal Offices, 71 High Street, Oatlands.

The Local Government Act 1993 section 65 provides the following:

- 1. A general manager must ensure that any advice, information or recommendation given to the council or a council committee is given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information or recommendation.
- 2. A council or council committee is not to decide on any matter which requires the advice of a qualified person without considering such advice unless –
- (a) the general manager certifies, in writing
 - (i) that such advice was obtained; and
 - (ii) that the general manager took the advice into account in providing general advice to the council or council committee; and
- (b) a copy of that advice or, if the advice was given orally, a written transcript or summary of that advice is provided to the council or council committee with the general manager's certificate.

I therefore certify that with respect to all advice, information or recommendation provided to the Council in or with this Agenda:

- (1) The advice, information or recommendation is given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information or recommendation; and
- (2) Where any advice is directly given by a person who does not have the required qualification or experience, that person has obtained and taken into account in that person's general advice, the advice from an appropriately qualified or experienced person.

Yours faithfully

Hubrood

Tim Kirkwood GENERAL MANAGER

OPEN COUNCIL AGENDA

1. PRAYERS

Reverend Dennis Cousens to recite prayers.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today, and recognise their continuing connection to the land, water and to community. We pay respects to Elders past and present.

3. ATTENDANCE

4. APOLOGIES

5. MINUTES

5.1 Ordinary Council Meeting

The Minutes (Open Council Minutes) of the previous meeting of Council held on the 27th November 2024, as circulated, are submitted for confirmation.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Minutes (Open Council Minutes) of the Council Meeting held 27th November 2024 be confirmed.

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor E Batt		
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon		
CIr A E Bisdee OAM		
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5.2 Special Committees of Council Minutes

5.2.1 Special Committees of Council - Receipt of Minutes

The Minutes of the following Special Committees of Council, as circulated, are submitted for receipt:

- Campania Recreation Ground Management Committee Minutes 19th November 2024
- Lake Dulverton & Callington Park Management Committee Minutes 25th November 2024

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the minutes of the above Special Committees of Council be received.

DECISION		
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5.2.2 Special Committees of Council - Endorsement of Recommendations

The recommendations contained within the minutes of the following Special Committees of Council are submitted for endorsement:

- Campania Recreation Ground Management Committee Minutes 19th November 2024
- Lake Dulverton & Callington Park Management Committee Minutes 25th November 2024

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the recommendations contained within the minutes of the above Special Committees of Council be endorsed.

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5.3 Joint Authorities (Established Under Division 4 Of The Local Government Act 1993)

5.3.1 Joint Authorities - Receipt of Minutes

The Minutes of the following Joint Authority Meeting, as circulated, are submitted for receipt:

• Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority AGM Minutes– 28th November 2024

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Minutes of the above Joint Authority be received.

DECISION		
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5.3.2 Joint Authorities - Receipt of Reports (Annual & Quarterly)

Report(s) prepared by the following Joint Authority, as circulated, are submitted for receipt:

• Southern Tasmanian Councils Authority Annual Report 2023-24 (incl. Financial Statements)

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report prepared by the above Joint Authority be received.

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6. NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

In accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, the Agenda is to include details of any Council workshop held since the last meeting.

It is reported that no workshops have been held since the last Ordinary Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received.

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7. COUNCILLORS – QUESTION TIME

7.1 Questions (On Notice)

Regulation 30 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* relates to Questions on notice. It states:

- (1) A councillor, at least 7 days before an ordinary council meeting or a council committee meeting, may give written notice to the general manager of a question in respect of which the councillor seeks an answer at that meeting.
- (2) An answer to a question on notice must be in writing.

Nil.

7.2 Questions Without Notice

Section 29 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015* relates to Questions without notice.

It states:

"29. Questions without notice

(1) A councillor at a meeting may ask a question without notice –

- (a) of the chairperson; or
- (b) through the chairperson, of –
- (i) another councillor; or
- (ii) the general manager.

(2) In putting a question without notice at a meeting, a councillor must not –

(a) offer an argument or opinion; or

(b) draw any inferences or make any imputations – except so far as may be necessary to explain the question.

(3) The chairperson of a meeting must not permit any debate of a question without notice or its answer.

(4) The chairperson, councillor or general manager who is asked a question without notice at a meeting may decline to answer the question.

(5) The chairperson of a meeting may refuse to accept a question without notice if it does not relate to the activities of the council.

(6) Questions without notice, and any answers to those questions, are not required to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

(7) The chairperson of a meeting may require a councillor to put a question without notice in writing.

An opportunity is provided for Councillors to ask questions relating to Council business, previous Agenda items or issues of a general nature.

8. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

In accordance with the requirements of Part 2 Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, the chairman of a meeting is to request Councillors to indicate whether they have, or are likely to have, a pecuniary interest in any item on the Agenda.

Accordingly, Councillors are requested to advise of a pecuniary interest they may have in respect to any matter on the agenda, or any supplementary item to the agenda, which Council has resolved to deal with, in accordance with Part 2 Regulation 8 (6) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.*

9. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

In accordance with the requirements of Part 2 Regulation 8 (6) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, the Council, by absolute majority may decide at an ordinary meeting to deal with a matter that is not on the agenda if the General Manager has reported –

- (a) the reason it was not possible to include the matter on the agenda; and
- (b) that the matter is urgent; and
- (c) that advice has been provided under section 65 of the Act.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council resolve by absolute majority to deal with any supplementary items not appearing on the agenda, as reported by the General Manager in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.*

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10. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (SCHEDULED FOR 2.30 P.M.)

In accordance with the requirements of Part 2 Regulation 8 of the *Local Government* (*Meeting Procedures*) Regulations 2015, the agenda is to make provision for public question time.

In particular, Regulation 31 of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations* 2015 states:

- (1) Members of the public may give written notice to the General Manager 7 days before an ordinary meeting of Council of a question to be asked at the meeting.
- (2) The chairperson may –
- (a) address questions on notice submitted by members of the public; and
- (b) invite any member of the public present at an ordinary meeting to ask questions relating to the activities of the Council.
- (3) The chairperson at an ordinary meeting of a council must ensure that, if required, at least 15 minutes of that meeting is made available for questions by members of the public.
- (4) A question by any member of the public under this regulation and an answer to that question are not to be debated.
- (5) The chairperson may –
- (a) refuse to accept a question; or
- (b) require a question to be put on notice and in writing to be answered at a later meeting.

(6) If the chairperson refuses to accept a question, the chairperson is to give reasons for doing so.

Councillors are advised that, at the time of issuing the Agenda, no Questions on Notice had been received from members of the Public.

Note: The Question taken on notice last Council Meeting from Julia Jabour (Southern Midlands Regional News) relating to the Oatlands Dog Park is reported in Agenda Item 15.6.2.

10.1 Permission to Address Council

Nil.

11. MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN UNDER REGULATION 16 (5) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MEETING PROCEDURES) REGULATIONS 2015

Nil.

12. COUNCIL ACTING AS A PLANNING AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO THE LAND USE PLANNING AND APPROVALS ACT 1993 AND COUNCIL'S STATUTORY LAND USE PLANNING SCHEME

Session of Council sitting as a Planning Authority pursuant to the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 and Council's statutory land use planning schemes.

12.1 Development Applications

Nil.

12.2 Subdivisions

Nil.

12.3 Municipal Seal (Planning Authority)

Nil.

12.4 Planning (Other)

Nil.

[THIS CONCLUDES THE SESSION OF COUNCIL ACTING AS A PLANNING AUTHORITY]

13. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – INFRASTRUCTURE)

13.1 Roads

Strategic Plan Reference 1.1

Maintenance and improvement of the standard and safety of roads in the municipal area.

Nil.

13.2 Bridges

Strategic Plan Reference 1.2

Maintenance and improvement of the standard and safety of bridges in the municipality.

Nil.

13.3 Walkways, Cycle Ways and Trails

Strategic Plan Reference 1.3

Maintenance and improvement of the standard and safety of walkways, cycle ways and pedestrian areas to provide consistent accessibility.

Nil.

13.4 Lighting

Strategic Plan Reference 1.4

Ensure adequate lighting based on demonstrated need / Contestability of energy supply.

Nil.

13.5 Buildings

Strategic Plan Reference 1.5

Maintenance and improvement of the standard and safety of public buildings in the municipality.

Nil.

13.6 Sewers / Water

Strategic Plan Reference(s) 1.6

Increase the capacity of access to reticulated sewerage services / Increase the capacity and ability to access water to satisfy development and Community to have access to reticulated water.

Nil.

13.7 Drainage

Strategic Plan Reference 1.7

Maintenance and improvement of the town storm-water drainage systems.

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13.8 Waste

Strategic Plan Reference 1.8

Maintenance and improvement of the provision of waste management services to the Community.

Nil.

13.9 Information, Communication Technology

Strategic Plan Reference 1.9 Improve access to modern communications infrastructure.

Nil.

13.10 Officer Reports – Infrastructure & Works

13.10.1 Manager – Infrastructure & Works Report

Author: MANAGER INFRASTRUCTURE & WORKS (DAVID RICHARDSON)

Date: 5 DECEMBER 2024

Roads Program

Maintenance grading works will continue throughout the municipality.

Pot holes in both sealed and unsealed roads are being addressed as resources allow. Council has engaged the services of a jet-patching contractor to address some of the defects in the sealed surface areas throughout the municipality.

Culvert cleaning and drainage works are underway in various areas and will continue as weather permits. The focus on roadside drainage has proven to be invaluable during the high rain events and potentially contributed towards the level of resilience that has been observed throughout the road network.

A number of sealed roads have been identified that require edge break repairs to be undertaken, these works have commenced.

Various large potentially dangerous roadside trees have been removed throughout the road network.

Current Capital Works

White Kangaroo Rivulet Road – resheeting of this section of Road has been completed with minor drainage works still to be undertaken.

Interlaken Road upgrade works are progressing well. AWC are currently working around the 10-11km area from the Midlands Highway with drainage and verge widening. A distance of 6 kilometres is scheduled to be sealed on 16th to 18th December 2024 (weather permitting). This leaves approximately 2 kilometres to complete early in the New Year with the aim of concluding the project by end of January 2025.

Reseal programme dates being confirmed following the appointment of the successful contractor.

Bagdad shared walkway works continue and are nearing the Chauncy Vale Road junction which is the end point for this stage (although may be extended depending on project expenditure to date).

Callington Park new toilet works are advancing but works will not be completed prior to yearend.

Parks and Reserves

Maintenance of recreation grounds, parks and playgrounds ongoing as required but recent rains have again increased workload.

Annual sports grounds maintenance works will be commencing shortly –top dressing, vertidraining and fertilizing as required.

Building Services Unit

Construction of toilets at Callington Park.

Site preparations for the Barbecue facility to be installed at the Oatlands Aquatic Centre.

Christmas / New year Period

Confirmed employee rostering over the Christmas / New-year period. There will be a skeleton crew working (other than public holidays) and an employee will be on-call seven days per week.

Planned Works

- Roadside Slashing Programme 2 Contractors commenced in the Tunbridge and Campania district
- Drainage and pavement repairs various roads;
- Continue Interlaken Road upgrade works (nearing completion);
- Continue footbridge/pathway works Bagdad;
- Continue planning of works for Kempton-Mood Food Pathway;
- Edge break repairs on various roads;
- New toilet Callington park;
- Install BBQ at Oatlands aquatic centre;

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE TO MANAGER, INFRASTRUCTURE & WORKS

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Infrastructure & Works Report be received and the information noted.

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14. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – GROWTH)

14.1 Residential

Strategic Plan Reference 2.1

Increase the resident, rate-paying population in the municipality.

Nil.

14.2 Tourism

Strategic Plan Reference 2.2

Increase the number of tourists visiting and spending money in the municipality.

Nil.

14.3 Business

Strategic Plan Reference 2.3

Increase the number and diversity of businesses in the Southern Midlands / Increase employment within the municipality / Increase Council revenue to facilitate business and development activities (social enterprise).

Nil.

14.4 Industry

Strategic Plan Reference 2.4

Retain and enhance the development of the rural sector as a key economic driver in the Southern Midlands / Increase access to irrigation water within the municipality.

Nil.

15. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – LANDSCAPES)

15.1 Heritage

Strategic Plan Reference – Page 22

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3.1.1	Maintenance and restoration of significant public heritage assets.
3.1.2	Act as an advocate for heritage and provide support to heritage property owners.
3.1.3	Investigate document, understand and promote the heritage values of the Southern Midlands.

15.1.1 Heritage Project Program Report

Author: HERITAGE PROJECTS OFFICER (ALAN TOWNSEND)

Date: 6 DECEMBER 2024

ISSUE

Report from the Heritage Projects Officer on various Southern Midlands Heritage Projects.

DETAIL

During the past month, Southern Midlands Council Heritage Projects have included:

- Coordinating hire of buildings
- Annual maintenance and repairs to the AiRSpace building
- Ongoing contribution from volunteers Rubee Dano and Linda Clark including "Escape from Oatlands" research series
- Ongoing participation in the Heritage Highway Regional Tourism Association workshop and meeting
- Assessment of AiRSpace applications and allocation of places. We now have 2026 fully booked
- Our next Artist in Residence (January 2026) is Lisa Moroney, a Tasmanian still life and landscape painter from Stonor. Lisa is interested in capturing the unique landscape of the midlands and has been a finalist in both the Glover and Henry Jones Art Prizes
- Ongoing public engagement with ABC 936

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Heritage Projects Program Report be received and the information noted.

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15.2 Natural

Strategic Plan Reference – page 23/243.2.1Identify and protect areas that are of high conservation value.3.2.2Encourage the adoption of best practice land care techniques.

15.2.1 NRM Unit – General Report

Author: NRM PROGRAMS MANAGER (MARIA WEEDING)

Date: 3 DECEMBER 2024

DETAIL

- The toilet block build at Callington Park continues. The brickwork has just been completed. The steel frame and some plumbing work is the next stage of the build. The screen for the front of the building has been made and is on route to Tasmania.
- Helen and Mary did some weed work around the edge of Lake Dulverton.
- Maria has been busy with Lake Dulverton & Callington Park Management Committee issues. A meeting was held on Monday 25th November. Minutes form part of the Council agenda.
- Maria and Helen attended a ChemCert Renewal course on Monday 2nd December at the Clarence Campus of TAFE. (Technical and Further Education).
- Helen has been assisting Mary with some on ground works in relation to weeds. See Weeds Officer report below.

Weeds Officer Report, Mary Smyth

18th November – 3rd December 2024

Enquiries/feedback

A report-a-weed enquiry was satisfactorily resolved: the resident had noticed a new thistle in their paddock and was wondering if it was Star thistle. Thankfully, it was not. Good photos supplied enabled a quick resolution on identification and control methods.

More reports of Patterson's curse have come in: follow up as time allows. One such report involved quite a bit of back and forth (phone calls/emails/texts) but has been well resolved with a contractor found to do the work and the landowner happy to pay.

A referred enquiry regarding whiteweed along TasRail lines coming in on ballast has resulted in a new contact at TasRail and some proactive interest on TasRail's behalf. Again, quite a few phone calls and follow-up required here.

Site visits

Total = 14+

Matzoo Lane, Tea Tree inspection revealed some Chilean needle grass and a single seeding Serrated tussock inside the fenceline of a SMC border property. All CNG and ST

removed along roadside, property owners visited to show them the ST plant for future reference (see Communication).

Isolated roadside infestation of Chilean needle grass on Native Corners Road visited and 46 plants removed. The owners of the land adjacent were phoned with a friendly reminder to spray the small patch of plants on their side of the fence.

Inspected Howletts Road but was unable to find any Chilean needle grass along it. I did dig out an isolated clump of Agapanthus in a roadside drain though...

Footpaths near the telephone exchange, Reeve Street Campania, inspected for Chilean needle grass (both sides of the road). None found.

Spraying of gorse and broom continued along the Dulverton Track near Hawthorn Bay, using the Quik Spray unit.

Shown around the main thistle patches in Chauncy Vale Wildlife Sanctuary by Graham Green, spraying Spear and Slender thistles as we went. Graham has done an excellent job in getting the thistles down to a manageable level, but the work is not finished yet! Californian thistles need spraying mid-December.

I was in the area, so I watered all the new plants at Mangalore Recreation Ground. 1 Banksia has died, 2 Cypress plants and 3 Swamp gums have been stolen.

Watered all the remaining 2024 seedlings at the Kempton Oval Mounds. All the Banksias and Hakeas have died, but everything else is okay.

Experimenting with the eradication of a patch of Carrot weed on the shore of Lake Dulverton. Most of the patch sprayed with one herbicide; the rest will be sprayed with another type (once the rain/wind stops).

Numbers in brackets = CNG plants removed. Lowdina Road (27), Brown Mountain Road (34), Reeve Street (0), Barton Vale Road (14) and Brodribbs Danby Road (8 + two clusters for follow-up spraying) inspected prior to slashing of roadsides. Much fewer than last year's tally.

Communication

A package of pamphlets and other information on Chilean needle grass and Serrated tussock sent to property owners at a Tea Tree address where a new infestation of Serrated tussock found. The owners have offered to talk to their neighbours down the road (outside SMC) about these two Weeds of National Significance.

Received accurate identification of a couple of grasses (thanks to Matt Baker at the Tasmanian Herbarium in Hobart). The first was found during some Serrated tussock survey work at Spring Hill (it looked like a small, grazed flat ST) and it turned out to be a wallaby grass (*Rytidosperma geniculatum*). The second grass was the unknown plant in the drain at Pontville: this turned out to be Kentucky bluegrass (*Poa pratensis*). Matt is putting both specimens into the collection so detailed location data was forwarded to him.

A weed contractor phoned seeking supporting action from Council regarding a patch of Chilean needle grass on some Crown land in the Coal Valley. A visit to an adjoining property has been organised so I can view the problem and contact the Crown Lands department ASAP.

Another weed contractor phoned to pass on the discovery of a new infestation of Serrated tussock near Campania (>20 plants). This will be mapped and all plants chipped out ASAP.

Corresponding with State Growth weeds officer regarding Patterson's curse (us) and CNG (them).

Related and extra-curricular activities

A request to the depot manager for a deep hole to safely dispose of bags of weeds/seeds was swiftly executed. Bags are still being filled and will be until the season is completed and the hole filled in.

Along with 220 other people, spent a very interesting lunchtime viewing a webinar on Myrtle Rust. This particular pathogen is not in Tasmania (yet) but I was interested in how it is affecting plants on the mainland. Myrtle rust is from South America and was first detected in Australia in 2010. It has had a particularly devastating effect on some rainforest species. Salient precautionary points from Carol Booth, one of the presenters (very relatable to weeds issues too):

1/ Prevention is paramount. (Environmental pathogens are generally not treatable: we import too many seeds etc.) 2/ If something is eradicable, pursue it quickly and with gusto!3/ In policy, environmental consequences are mostly different to agricultural consequences.

Weeds Action Fund – Stemless thistle and serrated tussock

At the tail end of the stemless thistle season, the lessee made himself, his ute and a single reel spray unit available and a good 5.5 hours was spent driving to all known infestations (and a couple of new ones) to spray any remaining plants. 231 plants sprayed.

Received all the photos taken by the contractors on their two-day "further afield" survey of Spring Hill. Co-ordinates on ST found during a walk around the Core Zone forwarded to the landowner for follow-up spraying by a separate contractor.

Weed of the Week

Tree mallow and Prickly lettuce so far this month at Oatlands front office.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the NRM Unit Report be received and the information noted.

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15.3 Cultural

Strategic Plan Reference 3.3

Ensure that the cultural diversity of the Southern Midlands is maximised.

Nil.

15.4 Regulatory (Development)

Strategic Plan Reference 3.4 A regulatory environment that is supportive of and enables appropriate development.

Nil.

15.5 Regulatory (Public Health)

Strategic Plan Reference 3.5

Monitor and maintain a safe and healthy public environment.

Nil.

15.6 Regulatory (Animals)

Strategic Plan Reference 3.6

Create an environment where animals are treated with respect and do not create a nuisance for the community

15.6.1 Animal Management Report

Author: ANIMAL MANAGEMENT OFFICER (RACHEL COLLIS)

Date: 4 DECEMBER 2024

Enclosure:

Animal Management Statement 2024

ISSUE

Consideration of the Animal Management/Compliance Officer's report for December 2024

The purpose of the report is twofold:

- 1. To inform Council and the Community of infringements issued by Council Officers in relation to Animal Management for the period December; *and*
- 2. Provide a brief summary of actions and duties undertaken by Council Officers in relation to animal management.

This in turn informs the community of the requirements and expectations of the Council to uphold and enforce the relevant legislation. This reminds Council and the community of the importance of responsible ownership of animals.

The infringements detailed in this report were all issued under the Dog Control Act 2000.

Resource Sharing

Southern Midlands Council currently provide Animal Management services to the Central Highlands Council through resource sharing arrangements. Jobs of note are itemised in the enclosed statement.

INFRINGEMENT DETAILS:

ATTACK DETAILS:

28/11/24 – 5 sheep attacked, (3 Killed), 2 dogs destroyed - Campania area. Infringement to be issued.

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YTD ANIMAL MANAGEMENT STATEMENT

2024

DOG IMPOUNDS	RECLAIMED	ADOPTED/DOGS HOME	EUTHANISED	OTHER IMPOUNDS
17	14	3		1 – goat 1 – ram 1 – Weather 4 – Sheep 1 – Miniature goat

JOBS ATTENDED December 2024

DOGS AT LARGE	DOG ATTACKS	DOG BARKING	DOG GENERAL
4	1	0	4
NEW KENNEL			
LICENCES	WELFARE	STOCK	Central Highlands

REGISTERED DOGS:	1710
KENNEL LICENCES:	67
INFRINGEMENTS ISSUED:	0

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Animal Management Report be received and the information noted.

DECISION				
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST		
Mayor E Batt				
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon				
CIr A E Bisdee OAM				
Clr D Blackwell				
Clr B Campbell				
Clr D Fish				
Clr F Miller				

15.6.2 Callington Park, Oatlands (section of land adjacent to car park off Barrack Street) – Proposal to Establish Dog Park

Author: GENERAL MANAGER (TIM KIRKWOOD)

Date: 6 DECEMBER 2024

ISSUE

Council to formally consider the following question submitted during Public Question Time at the Council Meeting held 27th November 2024 (by Julia Jabour – Southern Midlands Regional News):

"Is Council prepared to overrule, or reconsider, the decision of the Lake Dulverton & Callington Park Management Committee to refuse the placement of a fully-enclosed off-lead dog park at the Callington Park site?"

BACKGROUND

The proposal to establish a Dog Park on the land adjoining Callington Park at Oatlands, was referred to the Lake Dulverton & Callington Park Management Committee as the Committee responsible for that precinct.

For information, the Management Committee is an advisory committee and its 'Roles, Function and Responsibilities' include the following:

- (a) develop the area as a visitor attraction
- (b) oversee the maintenance and encourage community involvement in the maintenance and /or development and upgrading of the site buildings and facilities
- (C)
- (d)
- (e)
- (f) encourage the continued interest of the public to maximise the access and the use of the environs without compromising the integrity of the flora, fauna geoheritage and heritage values of the area.
- (g) provide advice to Council in regard to priority works and annual budgetary allocation requirements.
- (h) To promote and facilitate use of the Lake and Park for scientific studies based on the natural resources of the reserve.

The Management Committee is to consider and report on any matters which may be referred to it by Council.

DETAIL

Due to the limited time since the previous meeting, and partly due to staff availability, a report will be finalised and tabled at the meeting.

Human Resources & Financial Implications -

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications –

Policy Implications –

Priority - Implementation Time Frame -

RECOMMENDATION

To be submitted as part of the full report.

DECISION				
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST		
Mayor E Batt				
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon				
CIr A E Bisdee OAM				
Clr D Blackwell				
Clr B Campbell				
Clr D Fish				
Clr F Miller				

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15.7 Environmental Sustainability

Strategic Plan Reference 3.7

Implement strategies to address the issue of environmental sustainability in relation to its impact on Councils corporate functions and on the Community.

Nil.

16. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – COMMUNITY)

16.1 Community Health and Wellbeing

Strategic Plan Reference 4.1 Support and improve the independence, health and wellbeing of the Community.

16.1.1 Bagdad Community Club Inc. – Community Club Precinct – Transfer of Ownership to Southern Midlands Council

Author: GENERAL MANAGER (TIM KIRKWOOD)

Date: 4 DECEMBER 2024

Attachment(s):

Business Case

ISSUE

To:

- a) provide Council with an update following the conduct of the Community Meeting held 24th November 2024; and
- b) confirm the proposed project plan to achieve transfer of ownership of the Precinct to the Southern Midlands Council.

BACKGROUND

Council, at its last meeting held in October 2024, resolved to:

- a) note and approve the proposed amendments to the 'Terms of Reference' for the Bagdad Community Precinct Management Committee; and
- b) acknowledge that a community meeting is to be held (date to be confirmed), which will be jointly convened by the BCC Management Committee and Council for the purpose of informing the community regarding the proposed transfer of ownership of the Precinct to the Southern Midlands Council and the terms associated with the transfer;

Prior to that, at its Meeting held in February 2024, Council resolved as follows:

"THAT:

- a) The information be received;
- b) Council agree 'in-principle' that ownership of the Bagdad Community Club property should be transferred to the Southern Midlands Council for the following reasons:

- a. In the absence of any substantial Council owned property in this area, with Council investment it is ideally positioned to provide for the long-term needs of the community in terms of community and sporting infrastructure; and
- b. Council ownership of the property provides a more sustainable management structure with the intention to establish a Special Management Committee under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993 to ensure and maintain local community input (the Committee include a representative from each user group)
- c) 'In-principle' agreement to receive ownership includes a commitment that the property would be classified as 'Public Land' (as defined in the Local Government Act 1993) and it is Council's aim to develop the property in accordance with the Master Plan (prepared by Lange Design); and
- d) Council, in conjunction with the Bagdad Community Club Management Committee, proceed to undertake the necessary consultation to achieve the objective of transferring ownership; and
- e) Following the consultation process, a further report be provided in relation to any issues that may arise and the proposed transition arrangements."

DETAIL

Council, in conjunction with the Bagdad Community Club Management Committee, conducted a community meeting held on 24th November 2024. Approximately 30 people were in attendance, and were presented with the proposal to transfer ownership and the terms and conditions associate with the transfer. The terms primarily relate to:

- Transfer ownership for a peppercorn amount; and
- Agreement relating to the Terms of reference for the Special Committee that will be established under section 24 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. This Special Committee is focussed on maintaining community involvement and input into the future management and operation of the Precinct.

No person that attended the meeting were opposed to the proposal to transfer ownership.

In terms of where to from here, Councillors may recall that the following process was endorsed by Council at its meeting held in July 2024:

a) Finalise the roles and responsibilities of the Council Management Committee to be established under section 24 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (refer draft attached);

Note: Section 24 of the Act provides the following:

24. Special committees

(1) A council may establish, on such terms and for such purposes as it thinks fit, special committees.

(2) A special committee consists of such persons appointed by the council as the council thinks appropriate.

(3) The council is to determine the procedures relating to meetings of a special committee.

- b) Seek formal agreement of these terms and conditions with the BCC Management Committee. This stage would include an information update to the community;
- c) Call for expressions of interest from within the community to be representatives on the Council Management Committee. Council to formally appoint;
- d) Prepare Contract for transfer of ownership and finalise;
- e) Obtain fresh valuation of the property which will be required for the purpose of calculating stamp duty payable on the transfer of ownership;
- f) Prepare / amend the Lease agreements that are currently in place (i.e. Zelda's Bar & Bistro; Bagdad Child Car Centre; and the Bagdad Golf Club Inc.); and
- g) Following formal transfer of ownership, provide ongoing support to the Management Committee to progress the identified priorities.

Steps (a) and (b) have now been completed.

Prior to progressing with the remaining steps, it would be appropriate for the Management Committee of the Bagdad Community Club Inc. to record a further decision at its next meeting to confirm its decision to transfer ownership having reached agreement on the terms conditions and consulted the community with no adverse feedback.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – An indicative operational budget (under Council ownership) was provided to the Council Meeting held July 2024. However, this may be irrelevant given that an application for significant funding has been submitted under the Government's Growing Regions Program. If successful, the Budget will be consistent with the Business Plan prepared in association with the above application.

A copy of the Business Plan is included as an attachment.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – Refer detail provided.

Policy Implications – N/A

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – The transfer of ownership will be progressed as a priority.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

- a) The information be received; and
- b) Council acknowledge the remaining steps to secure ownership of the property will be progressed accordingly.

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor E Batt		
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon		
CIr A E Bisdee OAM		
Clr D Blackwell		
Clr B Campbell		
Clr D Fish		
Clr F Miller		

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16.2 Recreation

Strategic Plan Reference 4.2

Provide a range of recreational activities and services that meet the reasonable needs of the community.

16.2.1 Oatlands Aquatic Centre – Coordinators Report

- Author: OATLANDS AQUATIC CENTRE COORDINATOR (ADAM BRIGGS)
- Date: 3 DECEMBER 2024

ISSUE

Oatlands Aquatic Centre – Coordinator's Report for the month of November 2024.

BACKGROUND

The Oatlands Aquatic Centre opened to the public on Monday 14th November 2022.

DETAIL

The purpose of the report is twofold:

- 1. To report on the financial performance of the Centre compared to budget for the relevant month ending; and
- 2. To provide details regarding usage of the facility.

OATLANDS AQUATIC CENTRE - OPERATING BUDGET

INCOME	Annual Budget 2024/25	Nov 2024	Nov 2023	2024/25 Year to Date	2023/24 Year to Date	% of Budget 2024/25
Admission Fees	\$237,500	\$19,074	\$12,450	\$85,056	\$74,108	35.8%
Sale of Goods	\$12,500	\$1,153	\$1,343	\$6,320	\$4,839	50.6%
Charging Station Energy Use Reimbursement	\$14,000	\$0	\$3,278	\$9,028	\$3,278	64.5%
Sub-Total	\$264,000	\$20,227	\$17,071	\$100,404	\$82,225	38.0%

EXPENDITURE	Annual Budget 2024/25	Nov 2024	Nov 2023	2024/25 Year to Date	2023/24 Year to Date	% of Budget 2024/25
Salaries (incl. On-Costs)	\$473,945	\$40,713	\$38,444	\$180,994	\$209,823	38.2%
Operating Costs - Other	\$260,395	\$29,966	\$24,074	\$148,006	\$133,475	56.8%
Total Expenditure	\$734,340	\$70,679	\$62,518	\$329,000	\$343,298	44.8%

Budgeted Deficit	-\$470,340	-\$50,453	-\$45,447	-\$228,596	-\$261,073	48.6%
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Group Bookings & Programs – November (18/11/24 - 3/12/24):

Event / Booking	School / Group	Participation Numbers
Centre Visits	Tagari Lia Child & Family Centre	30 participants
Physio Rehab Sessions	Annabel Butler – Physiotherapist	13 individual bookings
Lane Hire	Midlands Swimming Club	2 individual bookings
Centre Hire	Masters Swimming Tasmania	60 participants
Lane Hire	Campbell Town District School	1 group booking
Lane Hire/Student Visits	Oatlands District School	1 group bookings

USAGE FOR THE PERIOD 16/10/2024 – 17/11/2024 PAID UPFRONT

Туре	Units
Gym	
Gym Pass 10 Sessions (17 years)	0
Gym Pass 10 Sessions (Concession)	0
PAYG – Gym (17 years)	11
PAYG – Gym (Concession)	5
Gym/Pool Combo	
Gym/Pool Pass 10 Sessions (17 years)	1
Gym/Pool Pass 10 Sessions (Concession)	1
PAYG – Gym/Pool Combo (17 years)	2
PAYG – Gym/Pool Combo (Concession)	2
Learn to Swim (Total Numbers)	
Term 4, 2024 Program Enrolments (Currently)	132
Pool	
Pool Passes 10 Sessions (Child/Concession)	2
Pool Pass 10 Session (17 years)	0
Upfront 6 Months Pool Membership (17 +)	1
Upfront 6 Months Pool Membership (Concession)	0
Upfront 6 Months Pool Membership (Family)	0
PAYG – Pool (4 years and under)	46
PAYG – Pool (5-16)	98
PAYG – Pool (17)	135
PAYG – Pool (Concession)	139
PAYG – (Family)	12

DIRECT DEBITS – Current Numbers

Туре	Units
DD Pool/Gym	12
DD Gym	7
DD 6 Months Pool – 17 years +	0
DD 6 Months Pool – Child/Concession	21
DD 6 Months Pool – Family	0

Grant Applications & General Information

See below an update on new programs implemented during November:

• Ticket to Wellbeing Program for 2025:

Oatlands Aquatic Centre has signed up to be a provider for a new State Government Program called "Ticket to Wellbeing". This program allows eligible participants over the age of 65 years to access 2x \$100.00 vouchers to be put towards Club/Centre Membership costs over a financial year period. These vouchers will be suitable for either GYM/Pool 10 Visit Cards or 6 month memberships. This program has a major upside for the Centre and making it even more accessible to the Community. The program will be commencing early in 2025.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – Refer above detail.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – Not applicable.

Policy Implications – N/A

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be received and noted.

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor E Batt		
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon		
Clr A E Bisdee OAM		
Clr D Blackwell		
Clr B Campbell		
Clr D Fish		
Clr F Miller		

16.2.2 Woodsdale Recreation Ground (PID 5839745 – C/T 10138/1) – 2578 Woodsdale Road, Woodsdale - Sale of Property

Author: GENERAL MANAGER (TIM KIRKWOOD)

Date: 4 DECEMBER 2024

ISSUE

To provide Council with an update in response to the offer provided to the 'Woodsdale Recreation & Community Hub Inc.' regarding the possible transfer of ownership of the Woodsdale Recreation Ground to that organisation.

BACKGROUND

Reference is made to the decision made at the Council Meeting held 23rd October 2024. The following is an extract from the Minutes:

"THAT:

- 1. Council confirm the following offer to be submitted to the Woodsdale Football Club Inc. or the newly created Incorporated Entity (subject to finalising the public notification and sale of public land process):
 - Along with transferring ownership of the property to the Woodsdale Football Club Inc. (or the newly created Incorporated Entity), Council to provide a 'one-off' nonrefundable grant amount of \$45,000 (less deductions referred to below).
 Council's contribution will be contingent upon the Woodsdale Football Club Inc. (or the newly created Incorporated Entity) providing confirmation that the external sources of funding have been secured to enable upgrade of the facility to a standard that is consistent with its expectations and achieves compliance with the Building Code of Australia and other applicable legislation.
 - Transfer the property for a peppercorn amount (say \$1.00).
 - Stamp Duty to be paid by Council and deducted from the one-off grant (estimated value of \$1,222.50)
 - The property is to be sold on an 'as is where is' basis and from the date of transfer Council will cease to have any responsibility for future maintenance (e.g. mowing; building maintenance; waste removal); insurance or other costs associated with the property (e.g. electricity);
 - Each party to engage their own legal representative and meet the associated legal costs (excluding stamp duty payable on the sale transaction);
 - Following completion of the upgrade to be undertaken by the Woodsdale Football Club Inc. (or the newly created Incorporated Entity), and subject to the property being used as a recreation ground for the purpose of playing organised sport, Council will provide an annual operating grant of \$1,000 (to be indexed by the annual Hobart March CPI percentage to be applied for the following financial year);
 - The Club will be liable for annual service charges and levies only, with an entitlement to be exempt from the General Rate.
 - The Woodsdale Football Club Inc. (or the newly created Incorporated Entity) would be entitled to a part premium reimbursement for Public Liability Cover relating to the property under Council's 'Donations and Community Support Policy'. (50% of the policy premium capped at \$500.00)

- The Woodsdale Football Club Inc. (or the newly created Incorporated Entity) would still be entitled to make application for any financial assistance through Council's Community Small Grants Program;
- Should the ground cease being used by the Woodsdale Football Club Inc. (or the newly created Incorporated Entity), then the property is to be sold. As a 'not-for-profit organisation' it is likely that the Club's constitution provides direction for its resources should the Association be 'wound-up'. In this relation to this, Council would seek to have the net sale proceeds returned to the Southern Midlands Council for redistribution within the local community.
- 2. This offer must be accepted (or rejected) 'in-principle' by no later than 30th November 2024 or the offer is to be withdrawn and Council will then determine the preferred method of disposal at that time; and
- 3. If the offer is accepted 'in-principle', then the transfer of ownership is to be finalised by the end of April 2025 (unless an extension of time is mutually agreed by the parties). This includes the requirement for the Woodsdale Football Club Inc. (or the newly created Incorporated Entity) to provide confirmation that the external sources of funding have been secured to enable upgrade of the facility to a standard that is consistent with the Football Club's expectations and achieves compliance with the Building Code of Australia and other applicable legislation."

DETAIL

Councillors are advised that the following Email (address to the General Manager) was received on 25th November 2024:

"Good Afternoon

The Woodsdale Recreation & Community Hub Committee are willing to accept the offer of taking ownership of the Woodsdale Recreation Ground.

Thank you Geoff Young Toni Cowle"

This Email was acknowledged together with a request to provide the names of all Committee Members. A response had not been received at the time of finalising the Agenda.

Note: A search of the Incorporated Association System confirms that the Name 'Woodsdale Recreation & Community Hub Inc.' has been submitted however an Incorporation Number has yet to be allocated. This probably indicates that the application is still being assessed. In addition, the ASIC 'Organisation and Business Names Register' does not include any reference to the 'Woodsdale Recreation & Community Hub Inc.'

The above search does provide access to a copy of the Constitution (as submitted) and in particular, it is noted that the Dissolution Clause is inconsistent with the offer determined by Council.

The WR&CH Inc. Constitution states:

13.DISSOLUTION

 (a) In the event of the dissolution of the Committee all funds and assets shall be sold with the funds donated to local non-for-profit organisations at the discretion of the Committee.

Council's offer specified the following:

Should the ground cease being used by the Woodsdale Football Club Inc. (or the newly created Incorporated Entity), then the property is to be sold. As a 'not-for-profit organisation' it is likely that the Club's constitution provides direction for its resources should the Association be 'wound-up'. In this relation to this, Council would seek to have the net sale proceeds returned to the Southern Midlands Council for re-distribution within the local community.

Whilst Council's interest specifically related to the property (as opposed to any other funds that the Association may have accumulated), the existing wording of the Dissolution Clause does not require any funds to be returned to Council. Although it does stipulate that the funds will be donated to 'local not-for-organisations'.

Timeframes

Having accepted the offer 'in-principle', the second milestone aims to finalise the transfer of ownership by the end of April 2025 (unless an extension of time is mutually agreed by the parties).

The transfer of ownership is however dependent on the newly Incorporated Association providing confirmation that the external sources of funding have been secured to enable upgrade of the facility to a standard that is consistent with the Football Club's expectations and achieves compliance with the Building Code of Australia and other applicable legislation."

Sale and Disposal of Public Land Process

In relation to the 'Sale and disposal of Public Land' process, Council will recall the decision made (by absolute majority) at its meeting held 25th September 2024:

"THAT:

- a);
- b) in accordance with section 178 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council resolve (by absolute majority) to sell the Woodsdale Recreation Ground property (PID 5839745 – C/T 10138/1);
- c) the General Manager proceed to-
- publish this intention on at least 2 separate occasions in a daily newspaper circulating in the municipal area; and
- display a copy of the notice on any boundary of the property that abuts a highway; and

- notify the public that objection to the proposed sale be made to the general manager within 21 days of the date of the first publication.
- d) Council confirm its intention that the net proceeds from any sale of the property be reinvested in the Woodsdale Community Hall."

The notice of intention to sell public land was published in the Mercury newspaper on two occasions and a copy of the notice was displayed on the boundary of the property.

At the end of the 21 day objection period, no objections or representations were received.

In accordance with section 178 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council is now in a position that it may sell, lease, donate, exchange or otherwise dispose of this public land.

Under this proposal, Council is effectively donating the land. Based on the recent government valuation of \$60,000 for the entire property, this would be the amount recognised as a donation to the organisation and reported in Council's Annual Report.

Having said that, any decision to confirm transfer of ownership may be premature at this point, pending confirmation that the terms and conditions associated with the transfer of ownership can be satisfied by the 'Woodsdale Recreation & Community Hub Inc.'

Development Application

The remaining issue relates to the need for the Woodsdale Recreation & Community Hub Inc. to submit a Development Application. This will be necessary to confirm the actual conditions that would be included in any Development Approval, and hence, determine what the compliance requirements will be.

As this is a pre-requisite to the transfer of ownership, it follows that the Southern Midlands Council, as the property owner at the time of lodgement, will need to provide consent for the lodgement of the Development Application (i.e. sign the application form).

As a final comment, recognising that the Southern Midlands Council is the owner of the property and there have been extended discussions over a considerable period of time, it is suggested and recommended that any Development Application be referred for external assessment and report (as opposed to being assessed internally by Council officers).

Human Resources & Financial Implications – refer comment above.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – refer comment above.

Policy Implications – N/A.

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – Refer milestones mentioned in the report.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

- 1. the information be received and noted;
- 2. Council specifically seek an amendment to the 'Dissolution Clause' contained within the Woodsdale Recreation & Community Hub Inc. Constitution to clearly state that the net proceeds from the disposal of the property (i.e. land and

buildings) be returned to the Southern Midlands Council for re-distribution within the local community; and

- 3. Council recommend to the WR&CH Inc. Committee that it review the entire Constitution to:
 - A) Correct a number of issues, including (but not limited to):
 - i. Inconsistency regarding the name of the Association and the property;
 - ii. spelling errors
 - iii. delete reference to the Southern Midlands Council (and Council's Facilities & Recreation Committee) when there is no need;

B) reconsider the suitability of the Constitution for this type of organisation given that it appears to have been based on the 'Terms of Reference' normally used for a Special Committee of Council.

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor E Batt		
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon		
Clr A E Bisdee OAM		
Clr D Blackwell		
Clr B Campbell		
Clr D Fish		
Clr F Miller		

16.3 Access

Strategic Plan Reference 4.3

Continue to explore transport options for the Southern Midlands community / Continue to meet the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act.

Nil.

16.4 Volunteers

Strategic Plan Reference 4.4 Encourage community members to volunteer.

Nil.

16.5 Families

Strategic Plan Reference 4.5

Ensure that appropriate childcare services as well as other family related services are facilitated within the community / Increase the retention of young people in the municipality / Improve the ability of seniors to stay in their communities.

Nil.

16.6 Education

Strategic Plan Reference 4.6

Increase the educational and employment opportunities available within the Southern Midlands

Nil.

16.7 Capacity & Sustainability

Strategic Plan Reference 4.7

Build, maintain and strengthen the capacity of the community to help itself whilst embracing social inclusion to achieve sustainability.

Nil.

16.8 Safety

Strategic Plan Reference 4.8 Increase the level of safety of the community and those visiting or passing through the municipality.

Nil.

16.9 Consultation & Communication

Strategic Plan Reference 4.8 Improve the effectiveness of consultation & communication with the community.

17. OPERATIONAL MATTERS ARISING (STRATEGIC THEME – ORGANISATION)

17.1 Improvement

Strategic Plan Reference 5.1

Improve the level of responsiveness to Community & Developer needs / Improve communication within Council / Improve the accuracy, comprehensiveness and user friendliness of the Council asset management system / Increase the effectiveness, efficiency and use-ability of Council ICT systems / maintain the Business Process Improvement & Continuous Improvement framework

17.1.1 Policy Development - Body Worn Camera (BWC) (Draft)

Author: MANAGER COMMUNITY & CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT (WENDY YOUNG)

Date: 3 DECEMBER 2024

Enclosure:

Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Policy

ISSUE

The introduction of body worn cameras for staff of the Southern Midlands Council.

BACKGROUND

The Southern Midlands Council continually strives to provide the safest possible working environment. The introduction of body worn cameras (BWC) for Council staff (where deemed appropriate and necessary) further contributes to this commitment.

The primary purpose of a BWC is to securely capture and store quality evidence via audio and/or visual recording.

DETAIL

This policy provides a framework for Council staff on the correct use of BWC and requirement required by legislative on the data captured by the device.

BWC is an additional tool and used as supporting evidence, and does not replace existing requirements, procedures or policies in respect of recording statements or declarations.

Access to and use of recorded material will be in accordance with Council's Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Policy.

This is the first reading of the draft Policy.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:-

- 1. The information be received; and
- 2. Consider the draft Born Worn Camera Policy, with formal adoption at January 2025 Council Meeting.

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor E Batt		
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon		
CIr A E Bisdee OAM		
Clr D Blackwell		
Clr B Campbell		
Clr D Fish		
Clr F Miller		

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SOUTHERN	Council Policy		
MIDLANDS	BODY WORK	I CAMERA POLICY	
	Approved by:	Council	
	Approved date: Review date:	Insert date	

1. PURPOSE

The Southern Midlands Council continually strives to provide the safest possible working environment. The introduction of body worn cameras (BWC) for Council staff (where deemed appropriate and necessary) further contributes to this commitment.

The primary purpose of a BWC is to securely capture and store quality evidence via audio and/or visual recording.

2. OBJECTIVE

The Policy's objectives are to ensure:

- · The correct use of BWC by staff of the Southern Midlands Council.
- That all staff that have access to either the BWC equipment or the data contained within, or captured by the device, comply with legislative and policy requirements.

3. SCOPE

Council employees may commence BWC recording in the following circumstances unless there are legal reasons not to do so:

- When an employee could be reasonably expected to act in an enforcement capacity;
- · When an employee decides to use statutory powers;
- Prior to entering any privately owned land, including building, in order to search those premises;
- When an employee believes an interaction presents, or is likely to present a risk to the safety
 of the employee or other person

Employees are not required to verbally announce the fact that they are recording an interaction, however may use their discretion to do so. Making a verbal announcement may, in some circumstances, assist to calm a volatile situation.

4. POLICY

When responding to an incident involving contact with a member of the public, in line with policy requirements, employees should commence recording at the earliest possible opportunity in order to maximise the opportunities to capture evidence. Best practice should involve activation of recording shortly before arriving at the destination. The decision to stop recording rests with the individual employee. However, employees should be satisfied that, in making the decision to stop recording, the risk of not capturing evidential material is minimised.

BWC is an additional tool, and does not replace existing requirements, procedures or policies in respect of recording statements or declarations.

Body Worn Camera Policy

Draft Version 1.0

SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL	Council Policy BODY WORN	CAMERA POLICY	
	Approved by: Approved date: Review date:	Council Insert date Insert date	

Council employees must be conversant with relevant legislation, including relevant provisions of the Listening Devices Act 1991 (Tas).

Employees should be aware recording in the following situations may require additional consideration and assessment by an employee prior to recording:-

- Near a public toilet block or public changing room facilities
- At a childcare centre or school
- Recording conversations and other activities within Council facilities unless authorised to do so.

At the conclusion of use, the employee in the possession of the BWC device must:

- a) dock the device in the supplied docking station for charging and data upload;
- b) ensure all measures are taken to protect the security and integrity of evidence;
- c) appropriately tag and categorise captured BWC footage as soon as practicable; and
- ensure that the BWC device is fully charged at all times and the security and integrity of the BWC device is maintained at all times.

BWC recordings do not replace the need for formal written statements from complainants and witnesses, but shall rather be used as supporting evidence for written statements and other evidence obtained.

The admissibility of evidence obtained by a BWC is subject to the provisions, exceptions and limitations imposed by the *Evidence Act 2001 (Tas)* and relevant case law.

Access to and use of recorded material will be in accordance with Council's Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Policy.

Members of the public requesting access to BWC footage will have the release dealt with under the current requirements of the *Right to Information Act 2009 (Tas)*. BWC footage is considered 'information' pursuant to the *Right to Information Act 2009 (Tas)* and as such, all footage captured by a BWC device is subject to the disclosure and protection provisions specified under that Act.

5. LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 1993 (Tas). Dog Control Act 2000 (Tas). Listening Devices Act 1991 (Tas). Evidence Act 2001 (Tas) Right to Information Act 2009 (Tas).

6. RELATED DOCUMENTS

Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Policy

Body Worn Camera Policy

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17.1.2 Policy Development – Private Works Policy (Draft)

Author: GENERAL MANAGER (TIM KIRKWOOD)

Date: 5 DECEMBER 2024

Enclosure(s):

Private Works Policy (Draft)

Attachment(s):

Tasmanian Audit Office – Report of the Auditor General No 3 of 2023-2024 (Private Works undertaken by councils)

ISSUE

Adoption of Policy relating to the undertaking of private works.

BACKGROUND

The Tasmanian Audit Office has recently undertaken a performance review relating to private works undertaken by Councils.

A copy of the Report is included as an attachment.

The review evaluated the following criteria:

- 1. Are private works processes transparent and consistent?
 - Have councils established policies and/or practices to manage private works?
 - Are decisions to undertake private works consistent and/or compliant with policies and procedures?
 - Is a dispute resolution process in place?
 - Do councils manage conflicts of interest in relation to private works?
- 2. Were councils' private works fees and processes compliant with relevant legislative requirements?
 - Have councils established transparent fees and charges schedules?
 - Have councils complied with the National Competition Policy?

DETAIL

The report contains a number of findings and recommendations (applicable to all or most Councils):

- 1) Councils that undertake or may undertake private works establish private works policies that:
 - i. are publicly available
 - ii. establish clear and transparent decision-making processes
 - iii. outline or reference existing dispute resolution and conflict of interest policies.

- 2) Councils implement appropriate controls to ensure compliance with private works policy requirements.
- 3) Councils that undertake or may undertake private works establish a list of fees and charges and make these available for public inspection.
- 4) Councils apply the Competitive Neutrality Policy and associated guidance to their private works activities. This includes regularly documenting their reasoning as to whether private works is a significant business activity.

Specifically in relation to the Southern Midlands Council, the report includes the following references:

- Approximate private works revenue in 2021-22 of \$370,000 (\$168K revenue from other government entities & \$202K from private entities)
- Private works policies and process one of thirteen councils which undertook private works and had other procedures, forms, or other policies for the management of private works, although these did not fully meet our expectations.

Central Coast, Derwent Valley, Dorset, Sorell, Northern Midlands and Southern Midlands Councils had internal forms which were not sufficient for various reasons. While Central Coast, Derwent, and Northern Midlands forms required approval by a council officer, they were not accompanied by a policy outlining who had delegation to approve private works. Dorset, Sorell, and Southern Midlands forms did not require approval. Derwent Valley did not fully complete the form for the one private works project it undertook.31 Dorset, Northern, and Southern Midlands did not complete a form for all tested private works projects.

• Decision-making processes – one of eight councils who were not fully compliant with internal or publicised decision-making processes.

The Southern Midlands Council had internal forms which were not sufficient for various reasons. Firstly, they did not require approval and secondly, a form was not available for all tested private works projects.

Compliance with the Local Government Act 1993 and the National Competition Policy

Councils had largely not complied with the 2 key compliance requirements relevant to private works in the 2021-22 financial year.

Local Government Act 1993 compliance

The *Local Government Act 1993* requires councils to establish a list of fees and charges for private works, which must be made available for public inspection.

Eleven had some combination of approved fee schedule or documented method for calculating private works charges, but they were not applied consistently or did not cover all the kinds of private works being undertaken.

Five councils – Brighton, Central Highlands, Flinders, King Island and Southern Midlands Councils – had established a fee schedule which covered and was applied to some private works projects. However, the schedule did not cover all private works projects.

National Competition Policy compliance

Tasmania's Competitive Neutrality Policy requires councils to consider whether their activities constitute significant business activities. The national competition principles should be applied to significant business activities unless there is sufficient public interest in not applying the principles. Guidance from the Department of Treasury and Finance requires councils to document their reasoning as to whether an activity could be a significant business activity, given the judgement involved in making this determination. No council had documented its reasoning as to whether its private works were a significant business activity.

All 29 councils that undertook private works had not documented their consideration of whether these works constituted a significant business activity.

Discussion

In the first instance, a draft 'Private Works Policy' has been drafted which is aimed at addressing the majority of the recommendations within the report.

In respect to the compliance with the National Competition Policy, Councillors will note that the draft Policy indicates that all private works undertaken by council will be evaluated and assessed against the principles of competitive neutrality as outlined by the Department of Treasury and Finance. This is an interim position whilst a more formal assessment is being undertaken and a further report will be submitted to the Audit Panel.

In respect to the fees schedule, it is not practical to document a fee for each type of activity that may be undertaken given the variables involved. It follows that the fee will be based on the following calculation:

- Actual wages, plus 45% on-costs
- Plant & machinery nominated charge rate which applies to all Council works
- Actual cost of Materials (if applicable)
- Actual cost of subcontractors (if applicable)
- Actual cost of any sundry items
- All of the above costs are then sub-totalled and a 20% administration charge is applied;
- GST is then applied to the amount inclusive of the administration charge.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

- a) The report be received and noted; and
- b) In accordance with Council's Policy making process, the draft Private Works Policy be tabled and considered for formal adoption at the next meeting.

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor E Batt		
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon		
CIr A E Bisdee OAM		
Clr D Blackwell		
Clr B Campbell		
Clr D Fish		
Clr F Miller		

ENCLOSURE Agenda Item 17.1.2

SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL	Council Policy PRIVATE WC	RKS - POLICY
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1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide a framework for performing private works that is applicable to everyone, transparent, objective and consistent.

2. SCOPE

This policy applies to any work undertaken by the Southern Midlands Council upon agreement with a landowner, on private lands and/or public lands which is outside the responsibility of Council. This policy applies to hire of Council resources such as items of plant and equipment (P&E) and/or other goods and services that council may provide.

3. OBJECTIVES

The Council's objective is to:

- a) have a consistent and transparent approach in the provision of private works and associated costs for the work; and
- b) ensure that the Council undertakes private works that is consistent with anti-competitive requirements of the *Trade Practices Act* 1974 and the no advantage requirements of the *Local Government Act* 1993.

4. POLICY

Priority for use of Council's plant, equipment, labour and other resources is to be given to Council's own work program at all times, before entering into a private works arrangement.

It is Council's preference that all private works be undertaken by private contractors in the first instance.

Council reserves the right to refuse a request for private works if it is deemed to be outside of Council's capabilities, resource availability or for any other reason deeming the works unachievable by Council.

Major Private Works

Major Private Works will only be considered in the following circumstances:

- There is no private contractor available to undertake the work; and
- The project would be of strategic economic, social or environmental benefit to the community; and
- The Staff and Council have the capacity to engage in the project; and
- It may provide a valuable training opportunity for the Staff.

Major Private Works with an estimated valued over and above \$20,000 (excl. GST) will require the consent of Council by resolution.

Minor Private Works

Minor Private Works with an estimated valued at or below \$20,000 (excl. GST) will require

the consent of the relevant Department Manager

Plant Hire

- Council will not hire plant without an approved Council operator and in accordance with this Policy.
- Council is responsible for the payment of Council operators engaged on private works. No other payment arrangements are permissible.
- Where Council agrees to undertake Private Works and the works are not on private property engaged directly by the land owner, the hirer shall have adequate public liability insurance to cover the activities of the hired plant. Evidence for that insurance and permission of the land owner must be provided to Council prior to commencement of the works.

Scope of Works

- A scope of works is to be included with estimates and quotes for all private works.
- The scope of works for Minor Private Works must be clearly outlined, including the works to be undertaken, permits required, estimated quantities of materials to be used and a timeframe in which the work is to be carried out.
- All scopes of works for Major Private Works must include design drawings, specifications where appropriate and all permits required to be provided to Council prior to commencement of works.

Costings

- Where a Major Private Works project has been approved, it is desirable that the project be undertaken on a 'do and charge' basis with an agreed schedule of rates provided prior to the commencement of works.
- Where a Major Private Works has been approved, and a quotation is to be provided, then the quotation must be in writing and must be accepted by the applicant in writing prior to the commencement of works. A quotation shall be valid for 30 days only, after which an updated quotation will be provided on request.
- Where a Minor Private Works project has been approved, an estimate of costs will be provided.
- All estimates and quotes provided are GST exclusive.
- Hire rates for Council plant must comply with Council's external plant hire rates.
- A minimum charge rate of one (1) hour plant hire for each machine engaged will apply to private works.
- Hourly rates for staff must include on-costs for wages.
- Where plant / equipment is hired outside of normal working hours, the applicant will be charged the operator time or penalty rates as prescribed in the relevant Award and Council's Enterprise Agreement.

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- All private works fees are to be charged based on the following formula, unless a variation is approved by the General Manager due to special circumstances:
 - o Actual wages, plus 45% on-costs
 - Plant & machinery nominated charge rate which applies to all Council works
 - Actual cost of Materials (if applicable)
 - Actual cost of subcontractors (if applicable)
 - o Actual cost of any sundry items
 - All of the above costs are then sub-totalled and a 20% administration charge is applied;
 - GST is then applied to the above amount which is inclusive of the administration charge.
- Quotations may include a contingency.
- Variations to scope may incur additional changes to the original quote and must be agreed to in writing by both parties before commencing the additional works.

Council Employees, Elected Members, Volunteers, Consultants and Contractors

- Council employees, elected members, volunteers, consultants and contractors must pay the same rates and charges for private works that would apply to anyone else.
- All other rules contained within this policy also apply to any Council employees, elected members, volunteers, consultants and contactors requesting private works.
- Council employees, elected members, volunteers, consultants and contactors must not gain an advantage over the general public; for example, they cannot get an advantage in relation to GST, or purchase items on Council's accounts to gain a corporate discount.
- Council employees, elected members, volunteers, consultants and contractors will not receive favorable payment terms.
- Applications for private works for Council employees, elected members, volunteers, consultants and contractors must be approved by the General Manager or a Department Manager (refer to Internal Private Works Request form).
- Applications for private works for Department Managers or the General Manager require the approval of Council.

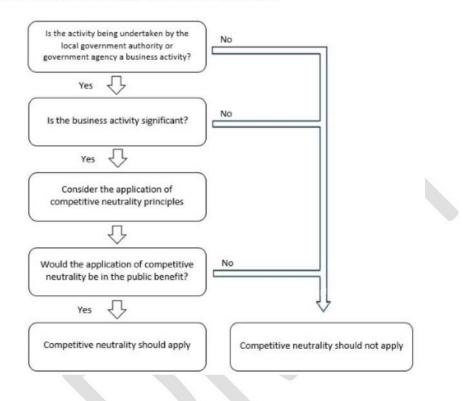
Payment

- Upon completion the relevant Department Manager will arrange for the private works to be invoiced.
- Payment terms are 30 days.
- The applicant is responsible for paying the invoiced amount in full by the due date.
- A deposit or milestone payment maybe required for Major Private Works.

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Competitive Neutrality

All private works undertaken by the council will be evaluated and assessed against the principles of competitive Neutrality as outlined by Treasury and the Office of the Tasmanian Economic Regulator (OTTER). These key principles will determine whether proposed private works are constituted as a significant business activity and therefore competitive neutrality should apply. Where competitive neutrality does apply the Council will document their reasoning behind taking on the proposed works.



Dispute Resolution

Council recognises the importance of dispute management as part of its quality customer service and its core business of serving the community. Members of the public have various avenues to raise issues with Council and will be actively supported during this process.

Whilst most problems can be resolved through initial communication with Council Officers, there may be occasions where members of the public wish to make a formal complaint. Formal complaints lodged with Council will be assessed in accordance with our Complaints & Grievances Policy.

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5. REVIEW & APPROVAL PROCESS

Responsible Officers – General Manager and Department Managers

Document Controller - General Manager

Disclaimer That this policy be read in conjunction with any or all other Council Policies.



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PRIVATE WORKS POLICY

INTERNAL- PRIVATE WORKS REQUEST FORM

Southern Midlands Council, ABN: 68 653 459 589 of 71 High Street, Oatlands TAS 7120 being the owner of the item(s) of plant, machinery and/or goods listed below, agree to:

- Provide the item of Plant/Machinery and/or Goods in good mechanical and working order and in a safe condition.
- Cover any breakdown of hired plant due to normal wear and tear.

The hirer/purchaser of the plant/goods agrees to:

- Being responsible for any damage or breakage other than reasonable wear and tear.
 Paying for the hire of the plant uplace otherwise.
- Paying for the hire of the plant unless otherwise agreed to by Council.
- Paying for the goods as agreed

Staff Member Name:					Phone	Number:	
Property Address:				1			
Address for invoice: (if different to above)							
Plant Details			Plan	t No:	M	lake / Model	2
Condition prior to hire:	ŝ			Hr/Km on	Plant	Hourly Rate	Rate per km
Attachments:							
Authority to hire Plant:	Supervi	isor Signature:				Date:	
After Hire Inspection R	eport	In good w	orking	order	Ŷ	'ES/NO	
Hr/Km on Return:		Comment	t:				
Supervisor Signature:						Date:	
Hirer Signature:						Date:	

OFFICE USE ONLY	COPY 2 TIMES WHEN COMPLETED		
Date/s of Hire:	Supervisor Signature:		/P No:
Date Invoiced:	Invoice No:	Debtors Signat	ture:

*If prices are indicated, this is only an estimation of works, NOT a quote.

**Where the operator of the item of plant is not being paid by Council and is either volunteering his/her labour or being paid by the hirer, the operator is ${\bf not}$ deemed to be an $\underline{{\bf employee}}$ of the Council. Any damage to, or lost Council property is at the expense of the hirer listed above.

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17.2 Sustainability

Strategic Plan Reference 5.2

Retain corporate and operational knowledge within Council / Provide a safe and healthy working environment / Ensure that staff and elected members have the training and skills they need to undertake their roles / Increase the cost effectiveness of Council operations through resource sharing with other organisations / Continue to manage and improve the level of statutory compliance of Council operations / Ensure that suitably qualified and sufficient staff are available to meet the Communities need / Work co-operatively with State and Regional organisations / Minimise Councils exposure to risk / Ensure that exceptional customer service continues to be a hallmark of Southern Midlands Council

17.2.1 Tabling of Documents

17.2.1.1 Code of Conduct Determination Report

Southern Midlands Code of Conduct Rick Wilton against Councillor Fraser Miller

Author: GENERAL MANAGER (TIM KIRKWOOD)

Date: 6 DECEMBER 2024

Attachment(s):

Code of Conduct Determination Report

Pursuant to section 28ZK (2) of the *Local Government Act 1993* I have been provided with a copy of a determination report from the Code of Conduct Panel in respect to a complaint lodged by Mr Rick Wilton against Councillor Fraser Miller.

The Act requires that the General Manager to table this at the first meeting of the Council at which it is practicable to do so and which is open to the public. As such, a copy of the determination report is included as an attachment to this Agenda.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council note the Code of Conduct Determination Report in respect to a complaint lodged by Mr Rick Wilson against Councillor Fraser Miller.

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor E Batt		
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon		
CIr A E Bisdee OAM		
Clr D Blackwell		
Clr B Campbell		
Clr D Fish		
Clr F Miller		

17.2.2 Elected Member Statements

An opportunity is provided for elected members to brief fellow Councillors on issues not requiring a decision.

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17.3 Finances

Strategic Plan Reference 5.3

Community's finances will be managed responsibly to enhance the wellbeing of residents / Council will maintain community wealth to ensure that the wealth enjoyed by today's generation may also be enjoyed by tomorrow's generation / Council's financial position will be robust enough to recover from unanticipated events, and absorb the volatility inherent in revenues and expenses.

17.3.1 Monthly Financial Statement (Period ending 30 November 2024)

Author: FINANCE OFFICER (MANDY BURBURY)

Date: 4 December 2024

ISSUE

Provide the Financial Report for the period ending 30th November 2024.

BACKGROUND

The Operating Expenditure Report includes a Year to Date (YTD) Budget Column, with variations (and percentage) based on YTD Budgets.

Note: Depreciation is calculated on an annual basis at the end of the financial year. The budget and expense for depreciation are included in the June period.

DETAIL

The enclosed Report incorporates the following: -

- Statement of Comprehensive Income 1 July 2024 to 30 Nov 2024.
- Operating Expenditure Report 1 July 2024 to 30 Nov 2024.
- Capital Expenditure Report 1 July 2024 to 30 Nov 2024.
- Cash Flow Statement 1 July 2024 to 30 Nov 2024.

OPERATING EXPENDITURE (OPERATING BUDGET)

Overall operating expenditure to end of November was \$4,051,873 which represents 91.5% of the Year to Date Budget.

Whilst there are some variations within the individual Program Budgets (refer following comments), expenditure is consistent with the Budget.

Strategic Theme - Infrastructure

Nil.

Strategic Theme – Growth

Nil.

Strategic Theme – Landscapes

Sub-Program – Regulatory (Animals) - expenditure to date (\$53,395 – 117.17%). Additional expenditure relates to increased resources required to address non-compliance issues.

Strategic Theme – Community

Sub-Program – Capacity & Sustainability - expenditure to date (\$34,096 – 111.63%). Increased expenditure is due to costs relating to the Heritage and Bullock Festival.

Strategic Theme – Organisation

Sub-Program – Sustainability - expenditure to date (\$1,182,092 – 112.27%). The year to date variance is not related to over expenditure in any particular budget item within Sustainability, but due to the timing of payments. We will continue to monitor expenditure against this Sub-Program.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM

Capital expenditure projects are colour coded to signify the grant program and show the completion deadlines. A legend of the colour coding is as below:

Legend – Source and completion deadlines for grant funded projects

Roads to Recovery	It is the Government's intention that the full allocation is budgeted and spent in the year allocated
Local Road and Community Infrastructure (LRCI)	Phase 4 – 30 June 2025 (use or lose)
Other Specific Purpose Grants	Completion date as per grant deed or approved extension date

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Financial Report be received and the information noted.

DECISION								
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST						
Mayor E Batt								
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon								
CIr A E Bisdee OAM								
Clr D Blackwell								
Clr B Campbell								
Clr D Fish								
Clr F Miller								

	for the perio	d 1 July 2024 to	30 Novem	ber 2024
	Annual Budget S	Year to Date Actual \$	%	Comments
ncome	8 	•		
Rates	7,375,148	7,413,087	100.5%	Includes Interest & Penalties on rates
User Fees (refer Note 1)	1,304,313	606,521	46.5%	Includes Private Works
nterest	486,000	234,999	48.4%	
Government Subsidies	11,700	0	0.0%	Heavy Vehicle Licence Fees
Other (refer Note 2)	232,400	330,973	142.4%	Includes TasWater Distributions
Sub-Total	9,409,561	8,585,580	91.2%	
Srants - Operating	4,426,800	392,019	8.9%	
Total Income	13,836,361	8,977,599	64.9%	
Expenses				
mployee benefits	-5,735,244	-1,892,158	33.0%	Less Roads - Resheeting (Capitalised)
faterials and contracts	-3,996,965	-1,879,671	47.0%	Less Roads - Resheeting (Capitalised), Includes Land Tax & Private Works
Depreciation and amortisation	-4,120,000	-1,727,014	41.9%	Percentage Calculation (based on year-to-date)
inance costs	-4,979	-2,577	51.8%	Interest
Contributions	-287,371	-71,843	25.0%	Fire Service Levies
ther	-173,993	-83,517	48.0%	Audit Fees and Councillor Allowances
fotal expenses	-14,318,552	-5,656,778	39.5%	
Surplus (deficit) from operations	-482,191	3,320,821	-688.7%	
Grants - Capital (refer Note 3)	3,905,575	389,680.00	10.0%	
ale Proceeds (Plant & Machinery)	0	35,545		
ale Proceeds (Land & Buildings)	0	300,000		
Sale Proceeds (Other Assets)	0	614		
et gain / (loss on disposal of non-current assets)	0	0		
Surplus / (Deficit)	3,423,384	4,046,660	118.2%	

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 November 2024

	for the perio	d 1 July 2024 to	30 Novem	ber 2024
	Annual Budget S	Year to Date Actual S	%	Comments
NOTES	\$	4	70	
1. Income - User Fees				
- All other Programs	919,613	494,241	53.7%	
- Private Works	384,700	112,280	29.2%	
	1,304,313	606,521	46.5%	
2. Income - Other				
- Tas Water Distributions	182,400	38,000	20.83%	
- Public Open Space Contributions	50,000	25,500	51.00%	
- Regional Community Learning Centre Levendale Contribution	0	776		
- Insurance Recoveries	0	5,425		Includes Premium Recoveries and JLB Trust Interest Distribution
- MMPHC Community Advisory Committee Cont. to GP Units	0	50,000		
- MMPHC Auxiliary Contribution to GP Units	0	49,999		
- TasWater Contribution to OAC Sculpture	0	5,000		
- Blue Gum Rovers donation to Tunnack Rec. Ground	0	185		
- Committee Contribution for Broadmarsh Hall Variations	0	85,708		
- Broadmarsh Hall Loan - as approved by Council	0	70,000		Included in assets as a Sundry Debtor
- Transfer from HBS	0	379		
	232,400	330,973	142.4%	
3. Grants - Capital				
- Roads To Recovery	665,531	0	0.00%	
- Rural & Remote Roads Program	2,673,090	0	0.00%	Interlaken Road Project (\$1,069,236 in 2022-23 budget)
- LRCI - Phase 4	397,584	0	0.00%	
- Vulnerable Road User Program	130,124	0	0.00%	Included in 2022-23 budget
- Tas Govt (Bus Stop Program) - Oatlands & Campania	39,246	0	0.00%	1st Instalment - Total of grants \$39,246
- Tas Govt (Better Active Transport) - Kempton Pathway	0	278,000		
- Tas Govt (Better Active Transport) - Bagdad Shared Walkway	0	0		
- Aust Govt - BS Bushfire Recovery Grant - The Haven	0	0		Broadmarsh/Elderslie Progress Association Inc Grant
- Tas Govt (Dept Health) - Oatlands Medical Accommodation	0	50,000		
- Tas Govt (State Growth) - VRUP Round 1 1st Instalment	0	0		2024-25 budget items - 2 Projects Reeve St & 1 Project Climie St. Campania
- Tas Govt (State Growth) - Safer Rural Roads	0	55,000		2023-24 Projects - Woodsdale & Green Valley Rds Guard Rail
- Aust Govt - DVA Saluting their Service	0	6,680		
	3,905,575	389,680	9.98%	

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 November 2024

	Annual Budget \$	Year to Date Actual \$	%	Comments
4. Grants - Operating				
- FAGS 2024/25	4,426,800	389,097	8.79%	
- Navigate Family Services (School Holiday Program)	0	2,559		
- Australia Day Grant	0	364		
	4,426,800	392,019	8.9%	

	ACTUAL (to 30 Nov 24)	BUDGET (to 30 Nov 24)	YTD VARIANCE	YTD %	FULL YEAR BUDGET - INC. GRANTS & OTHER
INFRASTRUCTURE					
Roads	562,902	554,747	-8,155	101.47%	3,695,184
Bridges	5,427	26,925	21,498	20.15%	459,620
Walkways	105,175	100,484	-4,692	104.67%	243,503
Lighting	23,064	39,140	16,076	58.93%	84,790
Public Toilets	42,406	38,857	-3,550	109.13%	96,102
Sewer/Water	-	-	-	1 1	
Stormwater	7,364	12,386	5,022	59.46%	85,679
Waste	561,058	623,943	62,885	89.92%	1,373,747
Information, Communication	-	8,333	8,333	0.00%	20,000
INFRASTRUCTURE TOTAL:	1,307,396	1,404,815	97,419	93.07%	6,058,625
GROWTH					
Residential	-		-	-	-
Tourism	20,939	28,601	7,662	73.21%	47,718
Business	147,801	140,223	-7,578	105.40%	391,418
Industry	-	049	-	-	-
GROWTH TOTAL:	168,739	168,823	84	99.95%	439,136
LANDSCAPES			2		
Heritage	112,310	218,575	106,265	51.38%	471,709
Natural	77,805	104,729	26,924	74.29%	206,318
Cultural	350	8,333	7,983	4.20%	25,000
Regulatory - Development	331,139	425,925	94,786	77.75%	1,050,886
Regulatory - Public Health	4,944	8,425	3,481	58.68%	20,220
Regulatory - Animals	53,395	45,569	-7,826	117.17%	115,108
Environmental Sustainability	-	2,083	2,083	0.00%	5,000
LANDSCAPES TOTAL:	579,943	813,640	233,697	71.28%	1,894,241
COMMUNITY					
Community Health & Wellbeing	110,568	146,656	36,088	75.39%	313,472
Recreation	504,832	591,330	86,497	85.37%	1,212,694
Access	-	-	-	-	
Volunteers	17,647	22,917	5,270	77.00%	51,000
Families	908	2,500	1,592	36.31%	10,000
Education		-	-	-	-
Capacity & Sustainability	34,096	30,544	-3,552	111.63%	49,605
Safety	1,913	14,146	12,233	13.52%	33,950
Consultation & Communication	4,557	15,542	10,985	29.32%	37,300
LIFESTYLE TOTAL:	674,520	823,633	149,113	81.90%	1,708,021
ORGANISATION					
Improvement	1,961	34,383	32,423	5.70%	80,289
Sustainability	1,182,092	1,052,880	-129,213	112.27%	2,928,058
Finances	137,222	130,901	-6,321	104.83%	355,238
ORGANISATION TOTAL:	1,321,275	1,218,164	-103,111	104.00%	3,363,585
TOTALS	\$4,051,873		\$377,203	91.5%	\$13,463,607

SOUTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL : OPERATING EXPENDITURE 2024/25 SUMMARY SHEET

		BUDGET	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE	COMMENTS	COMPLETION
INFRASTRUCTURE		70		1.000		
ROAD ASSETS						
Resheeting Program	Roads Resheeting	586,107	188.681	397,426		
	Dysart - Clifton Vale Road Resheeting	113,893	-		LRCI - \$113,893	30 June 2025
Reseal Program	Roads Reseal Program (as below) Bagdad - Green Valley Road (towards Huntingdon Tier Rd Jnct) - 2200m2 Campania - Estate Road (370m from Reeve St to bridge) - 7000m2 Colebrook - Station Street - 400m2 - 2 Coat Seal Kempton - Sugaroad Road (Main Street to Bridge) - 8800m2 (150m) Kempton - Council Office (Rear Carpark) - 470m2 - 2 Coat Seal Oatlands - High Street (Weilington Street to Barrack Street) - 9400m2	456,787	6,975 11,981 413	408,531	Originally Reconstruct & Seal Originally Reconstruct & Seal	
	Oatlands - Figh Street (Weinington Street to Banack Street) - 9400m2 Oatlands - Stanley Street (Midland H'way to Marlborough Street) - 6000m2		28,886			
	Orielton - Aldridge Road (off Tasman Highway) - 3300m2 Pontville - Brighton Road - 6000m2	80,000 60,000	12,372		Roads to Recovery - \$70,000 Roads to Recovery - \$56,687	30 June 2025 30 June 2025
	Sealed Roads - Edge Breaks (as below) Woodsdale Road York Plains Road	300,000	34,810	265,190		
Minor Seals (New)	Oatlands - Bentwick Street	20,000	-	20,000	Budget c/f	
Reconstruct & Seal	Elderslie - Pelham Road (1km)	160,000	20.356	139,644	Funded from Projects moved to Reseal / RTR	30 June 2025
	York Plains - Vicinity of 'Handroyd' - 800 metres	130,000	131,939	1,939	Roads to Recovery - \$130,000 (originally \$168K)	30 June 2025
	Woodsdale - Woodsdale Road (2.4 kims) Cricket Ground towards Quarry	370,000	387,548	17,548	Roads to Recovery - \$370,000 (originally \$288,750)	30 June 2025
	Colebrook - Station Street (includes drainage)	25,000	17.000	8,000	Seal component moved to Reseal Program	
Construct & Seal	Oatlands - Interlaken Road	5,746,180	4,566,226	1,179,954	23/24 WIP - \$2,983,324	31 December 2024
Junction / Road Realignment	Andover - Nala Road Junction with Inglewood Road (Asphalt junction)	30,000		30,000		
Other	Campania - Car Park Improvements	67,600	171		LRCI - \$65,816	30 June 2025
	Campania - Estate Road (vicinity Mallow property)	49,000	14,974	34,026	Budget c/f - WIP \$14,974	
	Campania - Structure Plan - Town Gateway and Streetscape	40,000		40,000		
	Elderslie - Cliftonvale Road (Guard Rail) - 600 metres	90,000		90,000	Roads to Recovery - \$78,506	30 June 2025
	Oatlands - Hasting Street Junction	15,000	959	14,041	Budget c/f - WIP \$959	
	Oatlands - Stanley Street (from Midland Highway junction to Nelson Street)	35,000	32,354	2,646	Shoulder Repairs & Drainage (i.e. piping)	
	Oatlands - William Street (from Wellington Street towards Stanley Street	13,500	16,475	2,975	Approx. 100 metres - Shoulder Repairs & Drainage (i	.e. piping)
	Tunbridge - Main Street (Kerb & Gutter Renewal)	40,000		40,000		
	Tunnack - Link Road Landslip	25,000	107	24,893	Budget c/f - WIP \$107	
	York Plains Road (vicinity of Rooney's Road) - Guard Rail - approx. 50 metres	7,250	-	7,250		
		8,460,317	5,472,226	2,874,198		
BRIDGE ASSETS	Nil			-		
					-	

÷		BUDGET \$	EXPENDITURE \$	BALANCE \$	COMMENTS	COMPLETION
WALKWAYS	Footpaths - General Streetscapes	40,000	-	40,000		
	Bagdad - Midland Highway Pathway (Primary School north to Community Club)	240,000		240,000	Election Commitment - \$150,000	
	Bagdad - Midland Highway Pathway (north of Bagdad Community Club)	645,840	447,200	198,640	Better Active Transport in Tas - \$370K; LRCI - \$145	31 December 202
	Campania - Climie Street (Across Railway)	41,250	7,107		VRUP Grant - \$35,250	30 June 202
	Campania - Reeve Street (West - adjacent to Flour Mill Park)	100,209	414	99,795	VRUP Grant - \$58.616	30 June 202
	Campania - Reeve Street (East - Rec Ground entrance to Villeneuve Street)	51,158		51,158	VRUP Grant - \$36,258	30 June 202
	Campania - Reeve Street - Footpath through to Hall	30,000	432	29,568	Budget c/f	
	Campania - Reeve Street Bus Stop - All Access All Weather Bus Stop Upgrade Progra	40,696	120		Bus Stops Grant - \$26,246	30 June 202
	Kempton - Burnett Street to Mood Food	425,565	4,100		\$147,565 Budget c/f Better Active Transport \$278K	30 June 202
	Oatlands - High Street Bus Stop - All Access All Weather Bus Stop Upgrade Program	28,300	243		2024-25 budget project	30 June 202
	Oatlands - Stanley Street (High Street to Nelson - 280 metres - kerb & footpath)	75,000	114,945 -		LRCI P4 - \$75,000	30 June 202
	Oatlands - Campbell Street (scope of works expanded to include kerb/gutter)	85,000	85,074 -	74	LRCI P4 - \$85,000	30 June 202
	Oatlands - Church Street (Sth Parade to William St - north. side - Footpath - 130 m)	30,000	•	30,000		
		1,833,018	659,634	1,173,384		
UBLIC TOILETS	Oatlands - Callington Park	203,000	67,148	135,852	Election Commitment - \$45,000 & 23/24 Budget of of	\$158,000
	General Public Toilets - Upgrade Program	20,000	-	20,000	Budget c/f	
	Oatlands Public Toilets - rear of Town Hall		1,056 -	1,056		
		223,000	68,204	154,796	-	
RAINAGE	Stormwater System Management Plans (Urban Drainage Act 2013)	50,000	456	49,544		
	Bagdad / Mangalore - Hydraulic Assessment (Flood Mapping)	221,460	144,800	76,660	Grant Funding \$80,830 WIP \$127,285	31 December 2024
		271,460	145,257	126,203	-	
VASTE	Wheelie Bins and Crates	5,000	10,270 -	5,270		
	WTS Safety & Operational Improvements	25,000	-	25,000		
		30,000	10,270	19,730	-	
ROWTH						
OURISM	Oatlands - Heritage Interpretation Panel renewal	2,000	-	2,000		
	Oatlands Accommodation Facility	-	42,283 -		WIP \$42,283 (Offset by Barrack Street Property)	

		BUDGET \$	EXPENDITURE \$	BALANCE \$	COMMENTS	COMPLETION
LANDSCAPES						
HERITAGE	Jericho - Memorial Avenue - Plagues	20,000	4,300	15,700	Budget c/f WIP \$4,300	
	Kempton - Memorial Avenue Park - Interps	19,545	374	19,171	Budget c/f WIP \$155	
	Melton Mowbray - Recognition plaque JH Bisdee VC OBE (DVA Grant)	8,480	240		Saluting Their Service Grant \$7,480	30 April 202
	Oatlands - Callington Mill - Structural Repair & External painting	40,000	-	40,000		
	Oatlands - Council Chambers - Internal Toilets & Access Upgrade	100,000	9,357	90,643	Budget c/f WIP \$9,357	
	Oatlands - Court House (Wall Stabilisation)	15,000	4,764	10,236	WIP \$1,187	
	Oatlands - Gaolers Residence (Chimney Capping & Fireplace Repairs)	5,000		5,000		
	Oatlands Gaolers Residence (Wingwall)	23,000			Budget \$15K c/f	
	Oatlands - Heritage Buildings (Security Upgrades)	10,000		10,000		
	Oatlands - Heritage Collections Store	10,000	3,700	6,300	Budget c/f WIP \$3,700	
	Oatlands - Roche Hall (Building Improvements)	90,000	-	90,000		
	Oatlands - Roche Hall Forecourt (Interps - Planning Condition of Approval)	40,000	7.820		Budget c/f WIP \$7,820	
	Parattah - Railway Station -Shed for Gangers Trolley	2,000	11,771	- 9,771	Budget c/f	
		383,025	42,326	340,699	-	
IATURAL	Campania - Bush Reserve / Cemetery	300.000	95,501	204,499	WIP \$93,346	
	Chauncy Vale - Day Dawn Cottage Improvements	12,000	8,557	3,443	WIP \$8,557	
	Chauncy Vale - Toilet & Interps Upgrade	45,000		45,000	Election Commitment \$45,000	
		357,000	104,057	252,943		
ULTURAL	Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Forecourt - Art Installation)	20,000	24,083	- 4,083	TasWater Contribution \$5,000	
		20,000	24,083	- 4,083		
ANDSCAPES						
EGULATORY	Master / Structure Plans (Bagdad / Mangalore / Campania)	50,000	20,545	29,455		
DEVELOPMENT	Kempton Council Chambers - Office Furniture & Equipment	7.500	2.958	4,542		
	Property Purchase - 10 Barrack Street, Oatlands (Police Residence)	530,000		530,000		
	Oatlands - Stanley Street Master Plan	20,000	172		Budget c/f WIP \$172	
	Oatlands - MMPC Church Street Sub-Division		7,307		WIP \$4,988 Offset by sale of property	
		607,500	30,982	576,518		
EGULATORY	Oatlands - GP Accommodation Units	500.000	460.338	39,662	Council Commitment \$100K (grant funded)	
PUBLIC HEALTH	Woodsdale - Cemetery		2,345			
		500,000	462,682	37,318		
NIMAL CONTROL	Oatlands - Off-Lead Dog Park	35,000		35,000	LRCI - \$35,000	
		35,000		35.000		
		00,000	50	201000		

*		BUDGET \$	EXPENDITURE \$	BALANCE \$	COMMENTS	COMPLETION
COMMUNITY						
RECREATION	Facilities & Recreation Committee	38,200	-	38,200	\$1800 to Colebrook Hall - Stage Flooring	
	Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Precinct Plan)	25,000		1,183	Budget c/f WIP \$23,817	
	Bagdad - Bagdad Community Club (Redevelopment)		39,376 -	39,376		
	Bagdad - Iden Road Park Development	75,000	-	75,000		
	Broadmarsh - Broadmarsh Hall "The Haven"	1,737,247	1,737,247	-	Administration of Progress Assoc. Grant (incl SMC Co	ont \$30K)
	Campania - Justitia Court POS - Shelter Hut	16,000	15,516	484	LRCI P4 - WIP \$15,516	30 June 2025
	Campania - Memorial Hall (External Repainting)	10,600	10,600			
	Campania - Recreation Ground (Electronic Scoreboard)	47,875		47,875	Election Commitment - \$35,000 & LRCI - \$12,875	30 June 2025
	Campania - Recreation Ground (All abilities Car Parking)	26,750			Election Commitment - \$18,000	
	Campania - Recreation Ground (Ground Improvements - Landscaping & Tiered Seatir	270,000	2	270.000	Election Commitment - \$200,00 & LRCI - \$70,000	30 June 2025
	Campania - Recreation Ground (Upgrade Change rooms)	1,100,000			LRCI - \$100,000 - Bal. Subject to Grant Funding	
	Colebrook - Hall Improvements (Resurface Timber Flooring)	1.800		7.200	\$7,200 reimb by Tas Electoral Commission	
	Kempton - Memorial Avenue Park (Land Acquisition Fees)	01202	3.552 -	3,552		
	Kempton - Recreation Ground (Irrigation)	60,000			LRCI P4 - \$60,000: WIP \$1637	30 June 2025
	Kempton - Recreation Ground (Site Dev and Play Equipment)	24,250			Budget c/f	
	Mangalore - Recreation Ground (Upgrade Horse Arena)	6,400			Election Commitment (to be reallocated)	
	Mangalore - Recreation Ground (Dust Remediation - Tree planting etc.)	5,000		5,000		
	Melton Mowbray - Streetscape Works (Trough / Shelter etc)	60,000		40.477		
	Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Courtyard Development -Shelter / BBQ)	30,000		12,395		
	Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Reception - Sliding Counter Window)	6,000		6.000		
	Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Gymnasium - Mirror & Equipment)	16,400		9,153		
	Oatlands - Aquatic Centre (Replace pump)	10,400	1,641	0,100		
	Oatlands - Gay Street, Hall (Air Lock & Heating)	30,000	(i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i	30,000		
	Oatlands - Midlands Community Centre (External Painting - Front of Building)	8,000		8.000		
	Oatlands - Old Swimming Pool (Staged demolition)	200,000			WIP \$26,081.22	
	Oatlands Coreation Ground (Redevelopment)	200,000	16.377 -		Subject to Grant Funding	
	Woodsdale Recreation Ground	45,000		45,000		
	Water Bottle Refill Stations	7,980			Budget c/f	
		3,847,502	1,947,206	1,900,296		
CAPACITY &						
SUSTAINABLILITY	Property Purchase - 9 Barrack Street, Oatlands (Police Residence)	73,248	49,683	22 666	Budget \$519,490 less \$446K spent in 22/23	
303TAINADLILITY		13,248		23,365	Duuget ap 19,490 less a446K spent in 22/23	
	Levendale Community Centre - Dept. Natural Resources & Env. Trf Fees	-	13,826		-	
		73,248	63,508	23,565		

		BUDGET \$	EXPENDITURE \$	BALANCE \$	COMMENTS	COMPLETIO DEADLIN
ORGANISATION						
SUSTAINABILITY	Monitors; PC's; Keyboards & UPS's	7,500		7,500		
	Communications Link (possible transfer to Tasmanet)	16,000		16,000		
	WIFI Equipment	7,000		7,000		
	Asset Management Software		2,680	2,680		
	Council Website - Upgrade	25,000	-	25,000		
	New Phone System		10.836	10,836		
	Oatlands - Town Hall (General - Incl. Office Equip/Furniture)	7,500	2,495	5,005		
	Oatlands - Town Hall (Replacement Heat Pumps x2)		4,909			
	Oatlands - Town Hall (External Painting Doors & Window Frames)	-	7,605	7,605		
		63,000	28,525	34,475		
WORKS	Minor Plant Purchases	12,000	3,089	8,911		
	Survey Equipment (Road Layout & Stormwater Projects)	25,000	21,342	3,658		
	Variable Message Board	20,000		20,000		
	Radio System	5,000		5,000		
	Plant Replacement Program					
	Heavy Vehicles - Refer separate Schedule	1,044,800	-	1,044,800		
	(Trade Allowance - \$227)					
	Light Vehicles (Net Changeover) (Trade Allowance - \$178)	340,257	54,196	286,061		
	(Have Parateline - 4110)	1,447,057	78,627	1,368,430		
	GRAND TOTALS	18,153,127	9,179,870	8,873,189		

CASH FLOW 2024/2025	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) July 2024 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Aug 2024 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Sep 2024 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Oct 2024 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Nov 2024 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Dec 2024 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Jan 2025 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Feb 2025 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Mar 2025 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Apr 2025 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) May 2025 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) Jun 2025 \$	INFLOWS (OUTFLOWS) (Total 2024/25) \$
Cash flows from operating activities													
Payments													
Employee costs	(407,267)	(381,825)	(373,541)	(379,639)	(366,412)								(1,908,684)
Materials and contracts	(1,634,717)	(331,633)	(234,312)	(258,485)	(697,062)								(3.156,209)
Interest	(2,577)	0	0	0	0								(2,577)
Other _	(23,300)	(43,531)	(152,853)	(79,383)	(29,523)								(328,590)
	(2,067,861)	(756,988)	(760,706)	(717,507)	(1,092,996)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(5,396,059)
Receipts			NAME OF A DESCRIPTION O										
Rates	387,766	855,775	2,038,182	705,240	766,534								4,753,498
User charges	67,092	198,531	47.643	159,883	(14,486)								458,663
Interest received	53,664	54,327	15,409	67,608	43,991								234,999
Subsidies	0	0	0	0	0								0
Other revenue grants	0	197,107	0	364	194,549								392,019
Other	86.726	112,946	232,743	41,435	(176,485)								297,364
	595,249	1,418,685	2,333,976	974,531	814,102	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,136,543
Net cash from operating activities	(1,472,612)	661,698	1,573,270	257.023	(278,895)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	740,483
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Cash flows from investing activities													
Payments for property, plant &													
equipment	(211,844)	(830,072)	(956,248)	(463,891)	(1,071,099)								(3,533,155)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant &	0	0	0	0									
equipment	159	0	0	36,000	300,000								336,159
Proceeds from Capital grants	61,680	0	0	30,000	328,000								389,680
Proceeds from Investments	01,000	0	0	ő	520,000								505,000
Proceeds from investments Payment for investments	0	0	0	0									0
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Net cash used in investing activities	(150,005)	(830,072)	(956,248)	(427,891)	(443,099)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(2,807,316)
Cash flows from financing activities													
Repayment of borrowings	(8,632)	0	0	0									(8,632)
Proceeds from borrowings	0,0027	0	0	0									(0,002)
Net cash from (used in) financing	0	0	0										
activities	(8.632)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(8,632)
activities -	(8,632)	0	0	0	U	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(8,632)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	(1,631,248)	(168,375)	617,021	(170,868)	(721,994)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(2.075,464)
Cash at beginning of reporting month	14,547,299	12,916,051	12,747,676	13,364,697	13,193,829	12,471,835	12,471,835	12,471,835	12,471,835	12,471,835	12,471,835	12,471,835	14,547,299
Cash at end of reporting period	12,916,051	12,747,676	13,364,697	13,193,829	12,471,835	12,471,835	12,471,835	12,471,835	12,471,835	12,471,835	12,471,835	12,471,835	12,471,835
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17.3.2 Request for Rate Remission – Oatlands District Historical Society – 107 High Street, Oatlands (PID 5842354)

Author: JEMMA THOMAS (EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT)

Date: 4 DECEMBER 2024

Enclosure:

Letter from Oatlands District Historical Society dated 24th November 2024.

ISSUE

Council to consider a request from the Oatlands District Historical Society for a remission of rates and charges for the 2024/2025 financial year.

BACKGROUND

Reference is made to section 129 of the Local Government Act 1993. It states:

129. Remission of rates

"(1) A ratepayer may apply to the council for remission of all or part of any rates paid or payable by the ratepayer or any penalty imposed or interest charged under <u>section</u> <u>128</u>.

(2) An application is to be –

- (a) made in writing; and
- (b) lodged with the general manager.

(3) A council, by absolute majority, may grant a remission of all or part of any rates, penalty or interest paid or payable by the ratepayer.

(4) A council, by absolute majority, may grant a remission of any rates, penalty or interest paid or payable by a class of ratepayers.

(5) The general manager is to keep a record of the details of any remission granted under this section."

DETAIL

The Oatlands District Historical Society has been granted a remission of rates and charges over the last five years.

As part of that decision, it was determined that the Society would need to make application on an annual basis.

In reference to the attached letter dated 24th November 2024, the Historical Society has submitted a formal request for a rate remission.

Human Resources & Financial Implications -

Rates and Charges:

Description	2024/25
General	\$513.11
Garbage	\$248.00
Waste Levy	\$300.00
Fire	\$49.00
Total	\$1,110.11
Interest & Penalties imposed	\$17.01
Total Outstanding	\$1,127.12

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – Nil

Policy Implications – Policy position

Priority - Implementation Time Frame - Ongoing.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT, in accordance with section 129 of the Local Government Act 1993:

- a) Council, by absolute majority, grant a remission of rates and charges to the Oatlands District Historical Society for its property at 107 High Street, Oatlands (PID 5842354); and
- b) The remission relates to the 2024/2025 financial year, inclusive of penalty and interest.

DECISION(MUST BE BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY)		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor E Batt		
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon		
CIr A E Bisdee OAM		
Clr D Blackwell		
Clr B Campbell		
Clr D Fish		
Clr F Miller		

ENCLOSURE Agenda Item 17.3.2



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Preserving Our Heritage

107 High Street, Oatlands TAS 7120

24 November 2024

The General Manager Mr. T. Kirkwood Southern Midlands Council Oatlands

RE: RATE REBATE 2025

Dear Tim,

Following our meeting with you on Tuesday 18th February 2020, we are formally writing to you seeking a rate rebate for the Oatlands District Historical Society Inc.

We are a not-for-profit organisation providing a service to many historians, authors and researchers, both local and Australia wide. We have also developed a tourism information service to our business, thus hopefully offering tourists a better experience of out town and surrounds.

Our museum is one of the few attractions in Oatlands that is open seven days a week, and we have received many favourable comments from local, interstate as well as international visitors.

In light of the above, we would greatly appreciate the Southern Midlands Council's assistance in the above matter, keeping in mind their assistance in the past.

Kind regards

Charles Burbruy Treasurer

RECEIVED 26 NOV 2024 By SMC

17.3.3 2024/25 Budget – Formal Amendment(s) to Budget (Operating & Capital)

Author: GENERAL MANAGER (TIM KIRKWOOD)

Date: 8 DECEMBER 2024

Enclosure(s):

Updated '2024-25 Budgeted Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income'

Updated '2024-25 Budgeted Statement of Cash Flows'

ISSUE

Council to formally amend the 2024/25 Budget in accordance with section 82 of the *Local Government Act 1993.*

BACKGROUND

Council adopted the 2024/25 Budget (Operating and Capital) at its meeting held in June 2024. Since that time, there have been a number of developments and decisions which have required formal amendments to the Budget. One purpose of this report is to capture all those decisions in a single summary document.

For information, the following is an extract from section 82 'Estimates' of the Local Government Act 1993: In reference to section

82. Estimates

(1) The general manager must prepare estimates of the council's revenue and expenditure for each financial year.

- (2) Estimates are to contain details of the following:
- (a) the estimated revenue of the council;
- (b) the estimated expenditure of the council;
- (c) the estimated borrowings by the council;
- (d) the estimated capital works of the council;
- (e) any other detail required by the Minister.

(3) Estimates for a financial year must –

- (a) be adopted by the council, with or without alteration, by absolute majority; and
- (b) be adopted before 31 August in that financial year; and
- (c) not be adopted more than one month before the start of that financial year.

(4) A council may alter by absolute majority any estimate referred to in <u>subsection (2)</u> during the financial year.

(5) A council may make adjustments to individual items within any estimate referred to in <u>subsection (2)</u> by a simple majority so long as the total amount of the estimate is not altered.

(6) A council, by absolute majority, may authorise the general manager to make minor adjustments up to specified amounts to individual items within any estimate referred to in <u>subsection (2)</u> so long as the total amount of the estimate is not altered.

(7) The general manager is to report any adjustment and an explanation of the adjustment at the first ordinary meeting of the council following the adjustment."

DETAIL

Comments are provided in relation to each of the amendments:

Budgeted Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

Recurrent Income

Grants – Re	ecurrent (FAGS)	
`	\$4,562,388 les – Additional \$135	•

Net Capital Income

Grants – Capital	
Roads to Recovery Program (additional allocation)	\$154,375
Kempton Recreation Ground – Capital	\$ 80,000
Upgrade (Election Commitment funded)	
Chauncy Vale Sanctuary – New Toilets	\$80,000
& Interps (Election Commitment funded)	
Contributions	
Campania Halls Management	\$15,000
Committee – contribution to external	
painting	

Capital Income - Net Gain / (loss) on Disposal of Assets

Sale of Land - 27 Church Street,	\$145,000
Oatlands – Net Gain (Sale price of	
\$300,000 less Book Value \$155,000)	

Recurrent Expenditure – Employee Costs

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Budgeted Cash Flow Statement

Insert Opening Cash Flowing (as at 1/7/24)	\$14,552,990
Not available at time of Budget Adoption	

Cash Flows from Operating Activities

Expenses - Employee Costs	(\$35,000)
Income – Grants – Recurrent	\$135,588
Income – Grants – Recurrent 2024/25 FAGS – received in advance	(\$3,867,611)

Cash Flows from Investing Activities – Payments for Property, Plant & Equipment (i.e. Capital Works Program)

Roads Program:	
Woodsdale Road – Reconstruct & Seal (additional allocation)	(\$81,250)
Pelham Road – Reconstruct & Seal (new allocation)	(\$160,000)
Sugarloaf Road, Kempton (Works to be undertaken within allocated reseal program)	\$28,875
Station Street, Colebrook (Works to be undertaken within allocated reseal program)	\$20,000
York Plains Road – Reconstruct and Seal (Reduction - revised estimate)	\$38,000
Eldon Road (Tunnack end) – approx. 1 klm – Reconstruct and Seal (Re-allocation of LRCI Phase 4 funding from Campania Recreation Ground - Changerooms Extension / Upgrade as this project will not be completed by June 2025.)	(\$100,000)
Recreation Program:	
Campania Recreation Ground - Changerooms Extension / Upgrade	Project retained but the \$100,000 (sourced from LRCI Phase 4) will be funded directly by Council
Kempton Recreation Ground – Upgrade Cricket Practice Net and construct a half-court basketball court / pickle ball court (State Government – Election Commitment)	(\$80,000)

Recreation Program (continued):	
Kempton Recreation Ground – Underground Irrigation System (additional allocation based on actual Quotation received)	(\$20,000)
(Re-allocation of LRCI Phase 4 funding from Oatlands Dog Park as it is unlikely that this project will not be undertaken by June 2025.)	
Property Purchase – Main Street, Kempton. To be offset through sale of property (post 2024/25)	(\$187,900)
Campania Community Hall – External Repainting.	(\$36,800)
Essential works not budgeted.	
Total Project budget of \$36,800 noting the Campania Halls Management Committee contributing \$15,000 – recognised as Income)	
(\$15,000 - r-allocation of LRCI Phase 4 funding from Oatlands Dog Park as it is unlikely that this project will not be undertaken by June 2025.)	
Levendale Community Centre (ex Primary School). Purchase of Land (Basketball Court / Playground).	(\$45,000)
Budget – not allocated. Purchase Price of \$30K plus costs.	
Animal Control Program:	
Oatlands Dog Park	Project retained but the \$35,000 (sourced from LRCI Phase 4) will be funded directly by Council
Sustainability Program:	
Oatlands Council Chambers – External Repainting (Doors & Window Frames).	(\$7,600)
Essential works not budgeted.	
Net Capital Expenditure	(\$631,675)

Cash Flows from Investing Activities – Proceeds from Sale of Property, Plant & Equipment

27 Church Street, Oatlands - Sale of	\$210,000
Land (additional \$210K)	

Cash Flows from Investing Activities – Capital Grants

Roads to Recovery Program (additional allocation)	\$154,375
Kempton Recreation Ground – Capital Upgrade (Election Commitment funded)	\$ 80,000
Chauncy Vale Sanctuary – New Toilets & Interps (Election Commitment funded)	\$80,000

Note:

1. Growing Regions Program – Grant Applications

Council is aware that applications have been submitted under the Growing Regions Program for major new developments and upgrade at both the Bagdad Community Club Precinct and the Oatlands Recreation Ground. The grant guidelines state that all projects must be 'shovelready' when the Grant Deed is entered into. Whilst there is no indication whether the applications may be successful, there is an immediate need to invest in investigation and preparation of detailed design specifications. This is deemed to be eligible expenditure under the Grant Program, however if the applications are unsuccessful, then all amounts will be reported as 'Capital Works-in-Progress' and carried until such time as external funding is secured or a Budget is allocated by Council.

Human Resources & Financial Implications – refer enclosed:

- Updated '2024-25 Budgeted Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income'
- Updated '2024-25 Budgeted Statement of Cash Flows'

Comments:

- 1. Revised 'Result from Continuing Operations (excluding Net Capital Income)' of (\$381,603) compared to initial budgeted deficit of (\$482,191)
- 2. Net decrease in Cash held of \$4,174,937 the majority of that being the 2024/25 FAGS Grant of \$3,867,611 received in advance.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – N/A

Policy Implications – Nil.

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – 2024/25 Budget and reporting period.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council resolve, by absolute majority, to formally amend the 2024/25 Budget (Operating & Capital) in accordance with section 82 of the *Local Government Act 1993,* and endorse the budget amendments as detailed in the report.

DECISION (MUST BE BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY)					
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST			
Mayor E Batt					
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon					
CIr A E Bisdee OAM					
Clr D Blackwell					
Clr B Campbell					
Clr D Fish					
Clr F Miller					

ENCLOSURE Agenda Item 17.3.3

ANNUAL PLAN AND PROGRAM BUDGET 2024/25 - OPERATING



2024-2025 BUDGETED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

						LTFMP	VA	RIANCE
RECURRENT INCOME								
RATES AND CHARGES	\$	7,375,148			\$	7,077,000	\$	298,148
USER FEES	s	1,304,313			s	1,366,000	s	(61,687)
GRANTS - RECURRENT	\$	4,562,388			s	4,321,000	\$	241,388
INTEREST	\$	486,000			\$	486,000	s	
COMMERCIAL REVENUE	s	-			s	-	S	-
GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES	s	11,700			s	-	s	11,700
OTHER INCOME	s	50,000			s	62,000	s	(12,000)
INVESTMENT REVENUE FROM WATER CORPORATION	\$	182,400			\$	182,000	\$	400
			s	13,971,949	\$	13,494,000	\$	477,949
NET CAPITAL INCOME								
GRANTS - CAPITAL	\$	4,219,950			\$	666,000	\$	3,553,950
CONTRIBUTIONS	s	15,000			\$		5	15,000
NET GAIN/(LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OF ASSETS	\$	145,000	27		\$		s	145,000
			\$	4,379,950	\$	666,000	\$	3,713,950
TOTAL INCOME			\$	18,351,899	\$	14,160,000	\$	4,191,899
EXPENSES FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS								
EMPLOYEE COSTS	\$	5,770,244			\$	5,728,000	s	42,244
MATERIALS AND CONTRACTS	\$	3,996,965			\$	3,768,000	s	228,965
DEPRECIATION & AMORTISATION	\$	4,120,000			s	4,141,000	s	(21,000)
CONTRIBUTIONS	s	287,371			\$	276,080	s	11,291
FINANCE COSTS	s	4,979			\$	10,000	s	(5,021
COMMERCIAL EXPENSES	s				s	-	s	
OTHER EXPENSES	S	173,993	_		\$	172,550	\$	1,443
TOTAL EXPENSES FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS			\$	14,353,552	\$	14,095,630	\$	257,922
RESULT FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS			\$	3,998,347	\$	64,370	\$	3,933,977
Less Net Capital Income Section			s	(4,379,950) (381,603)	\$ \$	(666,000) (601,630)	s \$	(3,713,950 220,027

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ANNUAL PLAN AND PROGRAM BUDGET 2024/25 - OPERATING



CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Payments				
Employee Costs	\$	(5,770,244)		
Materials and Contracts	\$	(3,996,965)		
Interest	\$	(4,979)		
Other	\$	(461,364)		
			\$ (10,233,552)
Receipts				
Rates	\$	7,375,148		
User Charges	• \$	1,304,313		
Interest Received	\$	486,000		
Government Subsidies	\$	11,700		
Other	\$	50,000		
Grants - Recurrent	\$	694,777		
Investment Revenue from Water Corporation	\$	182,400		
			\$	10,104,338
Net Cash from operating activities			\$	(129,214)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Payments for Property, Plant and Equipment (subject to confirmation	of Carry For	wards)	\$	(10,083,235)
Payments for Investments			\$	-
Proceeds from Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment			\$	705,000
Capital grants (Less Grants received in Advance)			\$	4,219,950
Net Cash used in investing activities			\$	(5,158,285)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Repayment of Borrowings			\$	(17,438)
Proceeds from Borrowings / Transfer from Reserves			\$	1,130,000
Net cash used in financing activities			\$	1,112,562
Net increase / (decrease) in cash held			\$	(4,174,937
Cash at beginning of reporting year			\$	14,552,990
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17.3.4 2024/25 Schedule of Fees & Charges (Partial Review) – Oatlands Aquatic Centre

Author: COORDINTOR - OATLANDS AQUATIC CENTRE (ADAM BRIGGS)

Date: 8 DECEMBER 2024

ISSUE

Review of the Schedule of Fes and Charges as they relate to the Oatlands Aquatic Centre.

BACKGROUND

The Schedule of Fees and Charges is maintained in accordance with section 205 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

DETAIL

The Oatlands Aquatic Centre Coordinator, as part of an ongoing review process, has undertaken a review of the Aquatic Centre charges and has submitted the following detail for consideration and approval:

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Pool Hire, Group Bookings & Birthday Parties			
Current Pricing	Product	Update Pricing	
\$30.00 Per Lane / Per Hour	Lane Hire	\$30.00 Per Lane / Per Hour	
\$160.00 Per Hour	Whole Pool Hire	\$160.00 Per Hour	
\$50.00 Room Hire / Per	Birthday Parties	\$50.00 Room Hire / Per	
Hour		Hour	
\$4.00 Adult & Child Fee		\$4.00 Adult & Child Fee	
Learn to Swim Programs			
Current Pricing	Product	Update Pricing	
\$20.00 Per Lesson	Private Lessons – 5 Day Programs	\$22.00 Per Lesson	
\$25.00 Per Lesson	Private Lessons – Individual Booking	\$27.50 Per Lesson	
\$16.50 Per Lesson	Term Lesson Programs	\$16.50 Per Lesson	

The recommended changes reflect the following comments:

- Delete the individual 'Gym and Pool 10 Visit Passes' and just have the Pool or Gym Combo 10 Visit Pass Option
- Increase the casual adult entry fee for the Gym so it is line with the Pool and makes the 10 Visit Pass worth purchasing
- Change Family Memberships from Pool Only to a Centre Membership so that parents can either access the Pool or the Gym
- Offer a recurring option in Pool Membership for direct debit payments
- Increase the Private Lesson fee to be consistent with the increased fee for normal lessons (as approved previously).

Human Resources & Financial Implications – the recommended charges are aimed at 'streamlining' the entry options. The recurring membership option will avoid the need to write to all members at the end of each 6 month period to confirm renewal.

Community Consultation & Public Relations Implications – The revised fee structure is based on community feedback. In particular the change to the Family Pass.

Policy Implications – Nil.

Priority - Implementation Time Frame – Effective form 1st January 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the revised fees be approved and the Schedule of Fees and Charges updated accordingly.

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor E Batt		
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon		
Clr A E Bisdee OAM		
Clr D Blackwell		
Clr B Campbell		
Clr D Fish		
Clr F Miller		

18. MUNICIPAL SEAL

19. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS TO THE AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION

THAT in accordance with Regulation 15 of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, the following items are to be dealt with in Closed Session.

Matter	Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015 Reference
Closed Council Minutes - Confirmation	15(2)(g)
Applications for Leave of Absence	15(2)(h)
Audit Panel Minutes	15(2)(b)

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor E Batt		
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon		
CIr A E Bisdee OAM		
Clr D Blackwell		
Clr B Campbell		
Clr D Fish		
Clr F Miller		

RECOMMENDATION

THAT in accordance with Regulation 15(2) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*, Council move into Closed Session and the meeting be closed to members of the public.

DECISION(MUST BE BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY)			
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST	
Mayor E Batt			
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon			
CIr A E Bisdee OAM			
Clr D Blackwell			
Clr B Campbell			
Clr D Fish			
Clr F Miller			

CLOSED COUNCIL AGENDA

20. BUSINESS IN "CLOSED SESSION"

20.1 Closed Council Minutes - Confirmation

In accordance with the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, the details of the decision in respect to this item are to be kept confidential and are not to be communicated, reproduced or published unless authorised by Council. Item considered in Closed Session in accordance with Regulation 15(2)(g) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

20.2 Applications for Leave of Absence

In accordance with the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, the details of the decision in respect to this item are to be kept confidential and are not to be communicated, reproduced or published unless authorised by Council.

Item considered in Closed Session in accordance with Regulation 15(2)(b) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

20.3 Audit Panel Minutes

In accordance with the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, the details of the decision in respect to this item are to be kept confidential and are not to be communicated, reproduced or published unless authorised by Council. Item considered in Closed Session in accordance with Regulation 15(2)(g) of the Local

Item considered in Closed Session in accordance with Regulation 15(2)(g) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

20.3.1 Audit Panel Receipt of Minutes

In accordance with the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, the details of the decision in respect to this item are to be kept confidential and are not to be communicated, reproduced or published unless authorised by Council.

Item considered in Closed Session in accordance with Regulation 15(2)(b) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

20.3.2 Endorsement of Recommendations

In accordance with the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015, the details of the decision in respect to this item are to be kept confidential and are not to be communicated, reproduced or published unless authorised by Council.

Item considered in Closed Session in accordance with Regulation 15(2)(b) of the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council move out of "Closed Session".

DECISION		
Councillor	Vote FOR	Vote AGAINST
Mayor E Batt		
Deputy Mayor K Dudgeon		
Clr A E Bisdee OAM		
Clr D Blackwell		
Clr B Campbell		
Clr D Fish		
Clr F Miller		

OPEN COUNCIL AGENDA

21. CLOSURE